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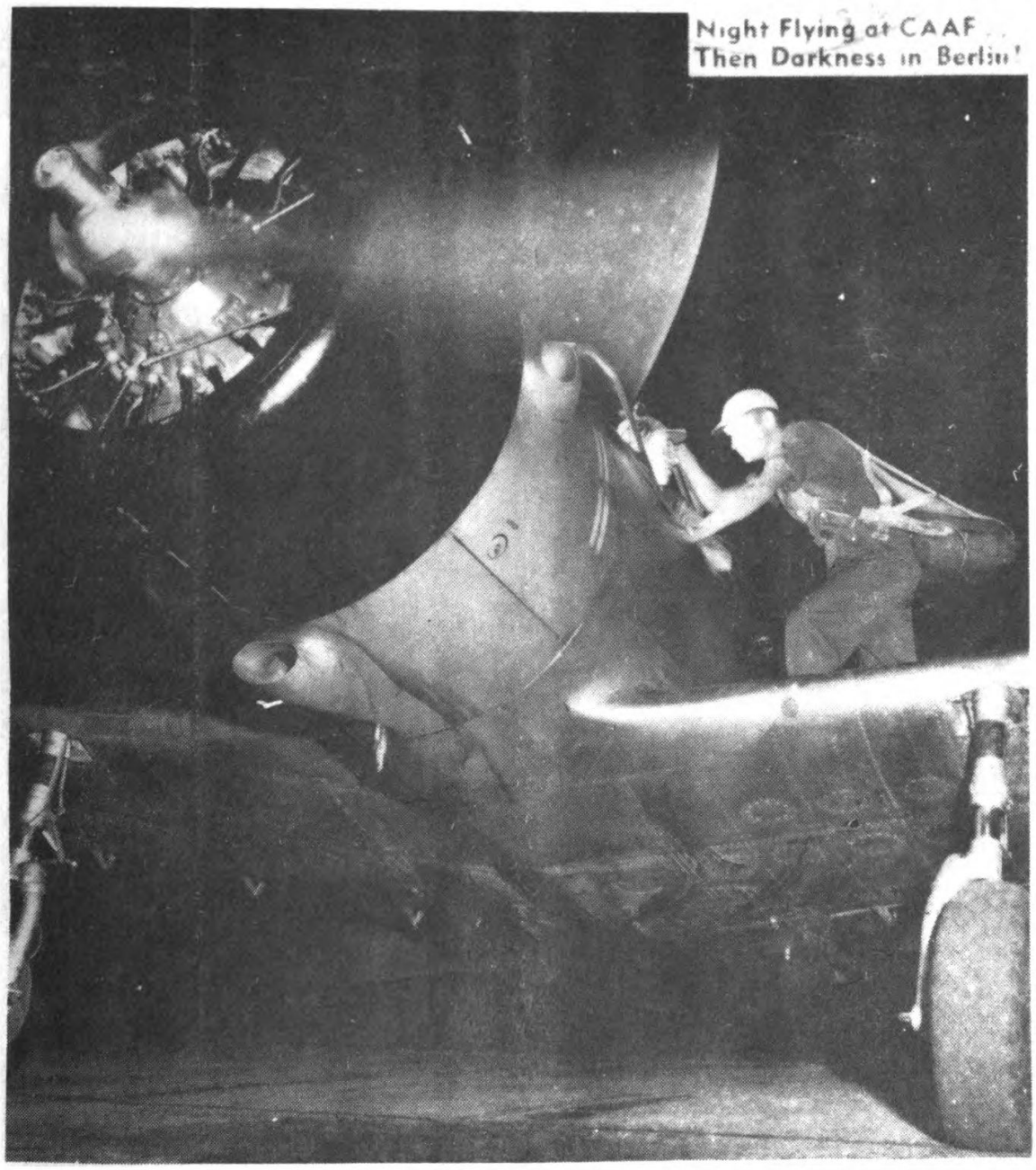
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Night Flying at CAAF . . . Then Darkness in Berlin!

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AIR WACs TAKE OVER CHICO FIELD SUNDAY

There were Air-WACs all over the place Sunday, and some mighty nice looking ones, too.

In addition to our own three Air WAC officers and three enlisted women here for observance of "Salute the WAC" day.

They, along with a number of CAAF male soldiers, showed visitors to the post through the Link Trainer Department, ground school code and aircraft recognition section, and the WAC area across the road from the lower gate.

The two visiting officers were from Hamilton Field, while the three enlisted Air WACs were from Mather Field. Preceding the open house, the Chico civilian committee was guest of the field at luncheon.

Detailed Maps in War Room

Visitors to the War Room, at Fourth and C Avenue, will find more detailed maps on which to trace the latest Allied gains. For instance, the new four foot square map of Italy shows almost every village captured by the Fifth and Eighth Armies.

Also, many of the answers to the "What Is My Rank" quiz, have been very amusing. Many have tried to make the Japanese private into a general, and vice versa. Also, the War Room is open evenings until 2100.

AN EARLIER TRIP HOME

The prime interest of the armed forces of the United States is to win the war, and win it as speedily as possible.

To do this manpower and materiel must be tapped to the fullest extent. In most cases these great resources are being utilized to the ultimate degree.

In providing personnel for important Army jobs in general, and Air Forces jobs in particular, members of the Women Army Corps are doing an excellent job. But available WAC and Air WAC personnel is barely half way meeting the demands for their various talents.

Every woman who joins the Air WAC adds strength to the army as surely as any soldier. And new strength will help shorten the war, and bring our fighting men back home.

Many women who have hesitated to enlist in the Air WACs may not have seen the situation in this light.

It is the duty of every soldier to impress their wives, sweethearts and sisters, who surely are interested in the early and successful conclusion of the war, of the need that exists for Air WACs.

It's a sure way for an earlier trip home.

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YULE NO RESPECTER OF MARS AS XMAS SEASON ARRIVES

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There'll be plenty of evidence here at Chico Army Air Field that the Yule season is no respecter of Mars.

There will be Christmas services and music from the chapel, holiday parties, a Yule radio broadcast, and other indications that some of the olive drab will be hidden by red and green.

And there'll even be a Santa Claus . . . at a party scheduled the afternoon before Christmas at Memorial Hall for all those who consider themselves children of military personnel. Or just children. It is sponsored by the post chaplain, and we suspect that Major J. W. Freeman will represent St. Nick.

During Christmas week there will be carols played over the post public address system from 1225 to 1255 each day, from the chapel, and from 1735 to 1800.

Thursday night at 8:30 Contact Chico radio program will feature the Yule theme, and audience participation in singing carols is planned. A large audience of both G.I. and civilians is expected. A surprise visiting soloist, Neva Wise, wife of Aviation Cadet Wise, will sing "The Marsellaise" national anthem of France, in the "salute to our allies" number.

Chaplain Winans F. Beadle has announced that there will be a Roman Catholic midnight mass, with Rev. Fr. Patrick J. Cronin of Chico officiating, and that a Protestant service is planned for Christmas day at 1000.

Capt. Beadle Due to Leave

1st Lt. Dwight E. LaFollette, who served as tempory chaplain here recently while Captain Winans F. Beadle was on DS at Harvard University Chaplain's School, is the new assistant post chaplain.

Captain Beadle has received notice that he will be transferred to Mather Field after a comparatively short stay at Chico Army Air Field, but has not as yet received his orders.

The new assistant chaplain was a Methodist Minister in the Northeast Ohio conference before entering the army on March 6, 1943. He is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University School of Theology. He is married and is the father of three children.

M SGT VANCELETTE PREPARES FOR 33rd CHRISTMAS IN ARMY

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Most of us are heading for our second, third, or even fourth olive drab, G.I. Christmas dinner.

Most of us have eaten them in Mess halls here in the states, but some have seen Yuletide come and go from a foxhole in the South Pacific, or in Africa.

But all of us can remember Christmas with the family around, in civilian clothes, and dinner out of china ware and all of that stuff. All except one, maybe. And he has seen 32 G.I. Christmases come and go, and he's hard at another one which comes up a week from tomorrow.

He's Master Sergeant A. J. Vancelette, and already the army veteran is busy getting a swell spread ready for all of the post's enlisted men's mess halls.

Busy with him fixing up turkey and all the trimmin's are T-Sgt John R. Carroll, S Sgt Fred Adams, S-Sgt Albert (Shorty) Wittmer and S-Sgt Leroy Ruth of general mess, and S/Sgt. Clyde Santos and Sgt. Tony Pino of cadet mess, and Sgts. Edwards and King of the 52nd mess.

The mess hall will be decorated in the Yule theme, and the dinner, which is virtually the same as the Thanksgiving day, will be served from 1200 to 1600.

There can be no visitors due to the rationing situation, Captain Gerald Storer, mess officer, announced.

Here's the menu:

Stuffed hearts of celery, ripe olives, pickles, shrimp salad, chicken soup, noodles, oyster crackers, roast young Tom turkey, cranberry sauce, buttered peas, snowflake potatoes, apple pie, coffee, assorted fruits, and cigarettes.

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Quoting and Unquoting —Wenger

This week's column is quoted from a reprint of a reprint, some new, some old, but all of which you will enjoy. "He calls a spade a spade, he calls a hoe a hoe. But there is another name for each, when he drops it on his toe"...Well, I thought it was good. Secondly, "I took her to a night club, I took her to a show, I took her almost everywhere a boy and girl could go. I took her to swell dances, I took her out to tea; When all my dough was gone I saw she had been taking me".... Was that a little better?.. Here's another..."One thing in life has irked me long; I've never understood it, I thought should someone answer me, 'Twould help me a lot - or would it? I don't care to run a streamlined train, nor fly the China Clipper, but I do wish someone would explain the workings of a zipper"...And have you heard of the optimist in the 97th? Well, he's the guy that opened the pint in front of the USO and saved the cork...How about this?... Her lips quivered as they approached mine. My whole frame trembled as I looked into her eyes. Her body shook with intensity and our lips met, and my chin vibrated and my body shuddered as I held her to me. The moral of this is to never kiss them in a flivver with the engine running"....That's that for this week. Unquote.

Special Services Cuts Xmas Trees for CAAF Day Rooms

Lt. Sidney I. Annis, assistant special services officer, and three enlisted men from the 970th Q. M. platoon, did a little exploration in the high Sierras this week, and found the weather mighty cold.

But they came back with 80 Christmas trees for the mess halls, hospitals, day rooms and other selected spots at Chico Army Air Field. The trees were cut on property of the Diamond Match Company.

There will be big trees in the chapel, mess halls and hospital. Each organization is decorating its own tree, according to Lt. Annis .

Drivers were Pvts. Carl Cox, Milton Dudley and Lawrence Rivers.

Personnelities...

California and other western cities and towns dominate the home addresses of the latest group of officers to report at this station . . . the Los Angeles area leads the list, with three, while other California towns are claimed by three others . . . among them are 2nd Lts. Charles Harry Weyand of Glendale, a former Lockheed Aircraft worker; Raymond Handley of Oakland, Calif., who was a member of the University of California Honor Associattion; Donald M. Gales, who attended U.C.L.A. and was quite a yachting enthusiast before he entered the army; Ralph House, of Madera, Calif., who was another honor student at the University of California, and a member of Sigma Xi fraternity there . . . Lt. House was a chemistry major and a member of the American Chemical Society . . . Also from California is Lt. Cecil Ayer, who calls Fresno his home . . . he was a graduate of Fresno State College and taught school before his army career began . . . a third member of University of California's honor society among the group is Lt. Harold W. Caldwell of Sacramento, who took his B .S. in mechanical engineering at the university in 1943 . . . the other westerners are Lts. John R. Heath of Puyallup, Wash., an engineer; Cecil E. Williams of Delleker, Calif., Courtney R. Daniels of Mt. Emmons, Utah, and George H. Cann of Burbank, California.

USO Offers Xmas Buffet

Beginning Thursday, December 23, Turkey Sandwiches, Cider, and Christmas fixing, will be served every evening up to and including Christmas night, December 25th. Also, each evening we will have a limited number of our Junior Hostesses at the Club for dancing partners. The music wil lbe provided by the Field orchestra.

Tonight will be the USO Formal Dance. It will be held at the Memorial Hall, with music by the Wings of Swing, 8:15 to 11:00.

One the nicest presents you can send your loved ones and friends at home, is a recording of your voice, We are prepared to do this for you free of charge.

YOUR WAR BONDS ARE THE ANSWER TO A PROBLEM!

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TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED FOR NCO XMAS DANCE TONIGHT

It its the transportation to the NCO dance tonight at Fairburn Hall, you're worrying about, a dime will cure all.

For the Non Commissioned Officers Club, under the aggressive leadership of M-Sgt Frank Marohnich, has arranged for bus transportation between the USO and Fairburn Hall from 8 p.m. until—

Working on the tremendous affair, which threatens to dwarf anything yet attempted by the NCO Club, are M-Sgt Marohnich, M-Sgt Richard Willbanks of the 78th, T-Sgt Joseph M. Decker of the 10th, Sgt Frank Gaebler of the Medics, club secretary, and Sgt Sidney Brune of the 10th, club steward.

There will be free refreshments and food and the only expense involved to the individual will be the dime for bus fare, and if he has his own car, the entire evening will cost him nary a cent.

Anyone missing the party by any reason less than having C. Q. or command post probably will be able to qualify for a Section VIII.

Feel Blue? Library Can Help

Want a laugh? There will never be a rationing of laughter. Even the underground press of Europe brings out funny papers, and here in America, we will never accept a "verboten" sign against joking.

Among the new cartoon books recently received at the Post Library is "You're Sitting on My Eyelashes," an album of drawings by Whitney Darrow, Jr., of New Yorker fame. The title is taken from Darrow's most famous drawing, and all the cartoons are the kind that make you laugh as hard the third time you see them as the first.

"Best Cartoons of the Year 1943," edited by Lawrence Lariar, is a selection by the cartoonists themselves of the best cartoons they drew for Collier's, the New Yorker, Saturday Evening Post, Yank, Liberty, and other magazines .

"It's a Funny World" consists of cartoons originally drawn by the topnotch gagsters for Collier's Weekly, with comments by such literary luminaries as Quentin Reynolds, Corey Ford, Don Herold, Margaret Fishback, and Colonel Stoopnagle.



Here we have Miss Lina Romay, who occasionally sings for NBC on the Fitch Bandwagon. But she wouldn't have to be able to sing to make a hit with the G. I.s How about it, fellows?

This and That at HQ

S-Sgt Bowmer was an awfully good shot (especially during pheasant season); he had to be if he took Sundays off.

Murr Chadwick has been visiting the doctor lately and he has ordered that she rest before and after dinner. S-Sgt Chadwick is certainly going to know what it means to a KP man.

Cigars, candy and cola's have been floating around headquarters last week. The officers responsible for all of these delicacies are: 1st Lt., W. S. Kotch, Jr., and 1st Lt., Charles A. Johnson of Hq. We extent our congratulations and we hope there will be more in the near future.

S-Sgt Frank "Barney Oldfield" Chamberlain must have really let the brakes off Sunday last which was his first night out after a week in. Anyway we hear tell that he went out on one that was a beaut.

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78th Items, Most Unofficial

By PFC. J. HAINES

I wonder why J .L. Johnson's girl friend doesn't write him as often as she used to.

I hear Cpl. Brown, our laundry man, is now pulling his rank as a mechanic in Flight III.

We lost a lot of swell fellows this week. Our best wishes go with them wherever they go. These men were: S/Sgt. Cocord, S/Sgt. Van Loan, Sgts. Wilson, Pember, Keller, Johnson, Critchfield, Davis, and Barale.

Benny Mohr is getting ready for Christmas. He oiled our floor.

Men who will spend Christmas at home are: S/Sgts. Bachman, Koehl, Schmitz, Steinlage, Sgt. Collier, Pvts. Schmke, Huffine, Byers, Cantelme, Lyons, Malloy and Robelol.

Our bowing team will greatly miss Tiny Johnson as our outfit was built around him. Someone will get a very good bowler wherever Tiny goes.

The boys who have just returned from furlough look very bad, very bad indeed.

I haven't heard of any symptoms as of yet on the horse size pills we took. Major Freeman was standing in the corner watching the boys go through all kinds of motions to get them down. He gave us some very useful information while we were waiting our turn.

Lt. Brown, our test pilot in Flight II, is still trying to get Lt. Franz, our engineering officer, to take a litle test hop with him.

As this will be our last issue until after Christmas or on Christmas day, we, the boys in the 78th, wish to extend to each and everyone a very Merry Christmas, and the best of everything.

Add Proud CAAF Fathers

First Lieutenant Amos K. Roden, commander of B Flight, Training Squadron 15, is a proud father this week, a baby girl having arrived Tuesday, Dec. 14. His wife is the former Elaine Cooper of Chico.

Also father of a daughter, born one day earlier, is Pfc E. F. McCall.

Engineers Corps Welcomes Taggart After Long Illness

We're glad to welcome Mr. D. S. Taggart back into the Engineers Electric Shop after his illness of the last several months.

We understand that Mr. W .E. Rusk, Fire department, attained the heights of assistant chief and was demoted within the same hour this week. That's a record in anyone's army, Mr. Rusk.

JEAN HOBSON — Passing a box of miniature chocolates to the office force, with an accompanying blush and explanations!

We've found the secret of Pat's haunted look,
and we figure it is truly "one for the book".
For some time lately, he's passed us by ,
With a shamefaced look, and a lowered eye!

The bulky object hidden 'neath his coat—
And the blush that would stain his face and throat,
And the words he'd mumble while on his way—
Incited our curiosity day by day.

Until at last the day dawned bright,
When we decided to discover the cause of his fright .
He haltingly explained—with a shy little grin,
The decision, which painful to him had been.

His weakness was one of the typical male,
Who shrinks from being seen with a tin lunch pail.
So he schemed and he planned, every method he tried—
To nourish his ego, yet salvage his pride.

The guilty secret out of proportion grew—
Until he was haunted by our thoughts if we knew.
His face now carries an inspired, new light,
Since he no longer hides the pail from sight!

Lt. Don McNeill, former U. S. tennis champion now stationed with the U. S. Embassy at Buenos Aires, recently won the Argentine singels when he trimmed Pacho Segura of Ecuador, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.

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HERE AND THERE WITH FORMER CAAF MEN . . .

Rex T. McCord, who used to be first sergeant of Headquarters Squadron, Ninth Air Base Group, when CAAF was first activated, now is a lieutenant in the Infantry, and has been in the Italy action . . . M/Sgt. Raymond Summers, post sergeant major, received the news in a card from the war zone . . . . Leonard J. Pipitone, who held down the job of mail clerk for the 10th for some time, now is a staff sergeant at Gardner Field, Taft, Calif. .. . he made two advances in grade at the southern basic pilot school, but no longer is in the postal department . . . Members of the 79th, or old 373rd School Squadron, have been scattered far and wide by the fortunes of war . . . S/Sgt. Bert Stalcup and Cpl. Stanley Kulza are with the Seventh Air Force in the Hawaiian Islands area, having left here early this year . . . overseas and believed to be in the European Theater of Operations are these former 79th men: Philip Lilly, James Duncan, Paul Burson, Tom Sutton and Tony Baldarsar.

The last we heard of S/Sgt. Tom Swint, formerly of the production line maintenance office, was that he was with a heavy bombardment procurement outfit at Herington, Kan., and was sweating out a trip across the pond . . . . Warrant Officer Rex B. Owens, with line maintenance here for some time, now is weights and balance officer at an air field in Georgia, and also is a proud father . . . . the 97th also has its share of men throughout the world . . . England seems to have gotten most of them, including Cpl. James Martin, who was with the radio section in ground school; "Parachute Pool" Jenkins, who doesn't like the dampness of the tight little isle, and Pvt. Denny Hutchinson, who was with department of flying supply while at CAAF . . . . Pvt. Otto Rahr, who also was in flying supply, now is sweating it out in India . . . . the last any of the boys heard of Pvt. DeJoseph was that he was in Pesque Isle, Maine, which isn't far from overseas . . . . Cpl. Bill Mellon, who used to be in the cadet detachment and then in director of training's office, also has a New York APO number, believed to be in England.

QM's Lawson Little Gets the Bird—Right on the Beak!

By PETER

Eddie Driscoll, Q.M.'s Lawson Little, did a bit of golfing on the local links the other afternoon. Nothing so unusual about that but the story that he tells about his prowess on the fairway is quite amazing, indeed.

"I made a nice drive," Ed said, "but somehow the ball caromed into a tree and hit a woodpecker smack on his elongated proboscis. Honest, fellows." Lew Reuben, supposedly a witness of this spectacular feat, noting the evident disbelief on the listener's faces was getting a bit perturbed that anyone should doubt the probity of Ed's testimonial. He didn't get a chance to corroborate his cohort's statments, though. He just had to stand with outstretched arms as if begging alms of the sun for when Driscoll has the floor the conversation is a monologue in the nature of a filibuster.

Ward, relying on his own sagacity, terminated the session with these words, "Well, anyway Ed, no one can deny that you got a birdie on that hole." Wow!!

"Curly" Mootz and a few fellows are deeply imbued with the holiday spirit. You can tell by reading the sentimental prose on the Christmas cards they send. They read something like this—"Season's Greetings," "Happy Holidays," etc. — mind you, that comprises the extent of the wording. Doesn't that stir you deeply!

"Lfl Abner" Yocum looked so sad the day after the QM party that one glance would have brought tears to the eyes of a subpoena server.

Cpl. Von Bronkhorst Presents Organ Recital

Cpl Charles Von Bronkhorst, talented organist of the post chapel, will present a Christmas concert at the First Baptist Church in Chico Dec. 21, at 8 P.M., assisted by Agnes F .Daniel, mezzo-soprano.

Cpl Von Bronkhorst, who is a 1942 honor graduate of San Jose State College, has been elected a colleague of the American Guild of Organists, and has made several appearances in Chico before.

Mrs. Daniels, besides appearing many times in Chico, has sung at the post chapel with a CAAF male chorus last year.

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97th Day Room Decorated; Supply Sgt. Transferred

By CPL. WINN E. COE

With a Christmas tree furnished through Special Service and donated by the Diamond Match Company, greens and wreaths from the Red Cross ,our day room should present a real Christmas atmosphere. The squadron fund will take care of the tree decoratitons and all in all we should have the best-decorated day room on the post.

The sulpha horse pills given us as a check against any possibility of spinal meningitis caused no ill effects, and in fact I doubt if anyone thought very much about them after the taking.

T/Sgt. Schlichting left us this week, presumably for overseas duty later. Sgt. Thurman in charge of supply has everything under control with two able assistants in Sgt. Peterson, supply clerk and Sgt. Gregory, mail clerk. Mail hours now are at 1100 to 1230, 1330 to 1430 and 1630 to 1730. A new set-up has been figured out and mail call will be at the west window of supply.

That worried look on S/Sgt. Marks' face has been replaced by a big grin. It's a boy! Weight seven pounds, born Sunday, 5 Dec. 1943.

The bivouac for Sunday will start with a hike and end the same way, but don't worry about it as Richardson Springs isn't very far. Instruction will include care of camp, and equipment, posting of sentinels, etc. This will about wind up the training period for this year with the exception of drill and calisthenics.

Ist Sgt. Bailey is becoming very efficient on the typewriter. He is attending night school in Chico.

On Friday night, 10 Dec., the "B" team under the expert coaching of Tech Tech Joe Joe Williams lost a thriller to the high school "B" team by a score of 20 to 13. The team was pretty good, no doubt, but we wouldn't vouch for the coaching!

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE!

No Christmas! Cpl. Bracken gaining weight. Sgt. Lindner slipping on the frost and landing on his pocketbook. The pocketbook was full of money. Sgt. Gregory loking for mail. Pvt. "Doc" Curtis taking a shower without that ever present cigar.

Sgt. Connor Wins Dining Car Contest

This week the model 1870 railroad car on the flight line which has slowly been changing its interior, took on a name.

It is the "Sad Sack Smackery." The winner is Sgt. Walter T. Connor of the 10th, a physical training instructor. The name was chosen by a committee headed by Captain William V. Cowan, and it brings the winner free coffee and doughnuts for 30 days.

Second place, and free coffee and doughnuts for 20 days goes to S/Sgt. Elon M. Torrence of the 97th Hq. Sq., a Link Trainer instructor. His entry was "Caafinn."

Third prize, or 10 days free coffee and doughnuts, went to Pvt. Ralph Thompson of the 79th for his entry "Dunkin' Diner."

Honorable mention went to Captain P. H. Buchanan for "Line Sustenance" and "Chico Choo Choo"; Lt. C. S. Bean for "Prop Wash Cafe," and Sgt. George E. Miller ,of Base Photo, for "Dunkers' Club.'

PX Notes—Do you think things are tough, soldier? Here's something from a letter by a WAC in England:

"We have our own PX now and get a regular ration card. We are allowed six ounces of candy, one pack of gum, one pack of cookies, one bar of soap, seven packs of cigarettes and two boxes of matches a week. We may also buy one bath towel a month and three hankies a week, when they have them."

Silver Bars for Twelve CAAF Officers

Twelve Chico Army Air Field lieutenants discarded their gold bars this week and donned silver ones indicative of their new rank of first lieutenant. They include Lts Herman G. Troutman, Stanley D. Cater and Don F. Guglielmino of the physical training department; Maxwell E. Edgar of the ground school; Jack D. Jennings, trial judge advocate; Glen R. Hudson, adjustant of 79th; William S. Kotch, assistant personnel adjutant; Charles A. Johnson, classification officer; Gerald W. Driscoll, Earl W. Moore, William L. Naylor and John F. Miller, flying instructors.

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Red Cross Active in Making Yule Happy for Patients

Mrs. Aileen C. Glenn, assistant field director, Chico Army Air Field, announced today that the Red Cross has been very active in making arrangements for the holidays. Through the cooperation of Camp and Hospital Council community resources have been organized to provide Christmas cheer for men stationed on this field.

In addition to providing trees for the ablebodied, the Diamond Match has sent ten trees to be used in the Hospital Area. These trees will be placed in each ward and decorated by the Gray Ladies assisted by convalescent patients. Through the efforts of the High School Junior Red Cross wreaths and sprays will be provided for the decoration of all dayrooms and mess halls on the Field, as well as throughout the Hospital buildings. Home made cookies will also be provided for each organization dayroom.

On Christmas Eve entertainment has been planned by the Hospital Recreation Corps for the hospitalized. This will consist of a radio play under the direction of Mr. Eddy, High School dramatic instructor, recitations, tap and acrobatic dancing and Christmas Carolers. The Gray Ladies also will be present to distribute homemade cookies, candies, oranges, and gifts provided by Community Organizations and the Field Director's office.

On Christmas morning the Gray Ladies will repeat their much appreciated service of last year by decorating the Hospital mess hall and providing tray favors for the patients.

FOR CHRISTMAS

"It seems to me that this year, War bond are the most thoughtful gift of all. Not only do they contitute a Christmas remembrance of the higher intrinsic value but both the giver and the recipient can enjoy the warm feeling that here's one gift they are also sharing with our men in service. War bonds are really an investment in happier Christmases to come." This is part of the message Secretary Morgenthau sent to the nation's retailers for their Christmas Bond promotion. It expresses the thought that we must translate into action. We know that War bonds are the strongest link we can forge with that future day when men of good will may return to their homes and Christmas may once more be celebrated as we have known and loved it.

Brown Bombers Step Out of Their Class; Are Trimmed

The Brown Bombers of the 52nd, who currently are tied for the lead in CAAF's basketball league, walked out of their class Wednesday night at the Chico State College gymnasium, and took a terrific thumping for their pains. The score was 55-22 for the collegians.

For the first five minutes the Bombers made nary a point while the 17-year-old college boys were tanking 15. At half time it was 32-12 for the winners.

Cpl Cleon Henry, Bomber forward, seems destined to make the individual scoring race at CAAF a runaway. He tallied 12 points to run his four game total to around 60 markers.

Jack Staples of the college was good for 20 markers, followed by Farley with 14. S-Sgt Irvin K. Wade's boys never had a chance.

Basketball Results

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Quartermaster 18, Tenth 13
Weather 29, 79th 12
52nd 27, Finance 18

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STANDINGS

Teams	Won	Lost	Pct.
97th	3	0	1.000
52nd	3	0	1.000
Weather	1	1	.500
Quartermaster	1	1	.500
Tenth	1	2	.333
Finance	0	1	.000
78th	0	2	.000
79th	0	2	.000

AT POST THEATER

SATURDAY, 18 DEC.

WOMAN in BONDAGE

Gail Patrick, Nancy Kelly, Bill Henry

—Shorts, Cartoon—

SUNDAY and MONDAY

THE NORTH STAR

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LEADERS IN "A" LEAGUE WIN BOTH CONTESTS

In the first of four A League games played Tuesday night in the post gym, the Quartermasters defeated the Tenth by the all-time low score of 18 to 13. A badly-played and slow game, the score was five-all at halftime.

In the third quarter the QM-ers came to life and rolled up 13 points, being led by S-Sgt Johnny Murry, who accounted for six of them. Sgt Paul Bohen of 10th had seven markers.

The second game pitted the Weather Detachment five against the 79th, with the forecasters taking the contest 29-12. The revamped Weather team played a steady game, and had little trouble. Bill Meltzer was high scorer for the winning team with a total of 12 points.

In the eight o'clock game the Brown Bombers of the 52nd, who are tied for league leadership, topped the Fighting Finance by a 27-18 count. The 52nd started its second string, but had to run in the top players to counteract the accurate shooting of Ed Macaulay, who tallied 14 of his team's 18 points. Cpl Cleon Henry of the winners, who is the league's leading scorer, racked up 10 markers. The Finance boys were on top at halftime by 12-8, but the first stringers were too much for them.

In the evening's finale, the high riding 97th soundly beat the 78th quintet by 29 to 10. The well-balanced 97th team was paced by Van Gundy and Linder. Van Gundy accounted for eight points, while Lindner tallied six. Lewis led the losers with six markers.

Scores in the officers league came in too late for press time, and will be reported in next week's Flyer.

Lost during a dive bombing attack on a Yangtse river port last October, Lt. Tommy Harmon, fighter pilot and AllAmerican football star, has turned up safe in China, the American Air Force has announced. It was the second time that the former Michigan gridiron great had been reported missing. Last April a bomber he was piloting was disabled in a rainstorm over French Guiana and the crew bailed out. On that occasion Harmon was saved by friendly natives.

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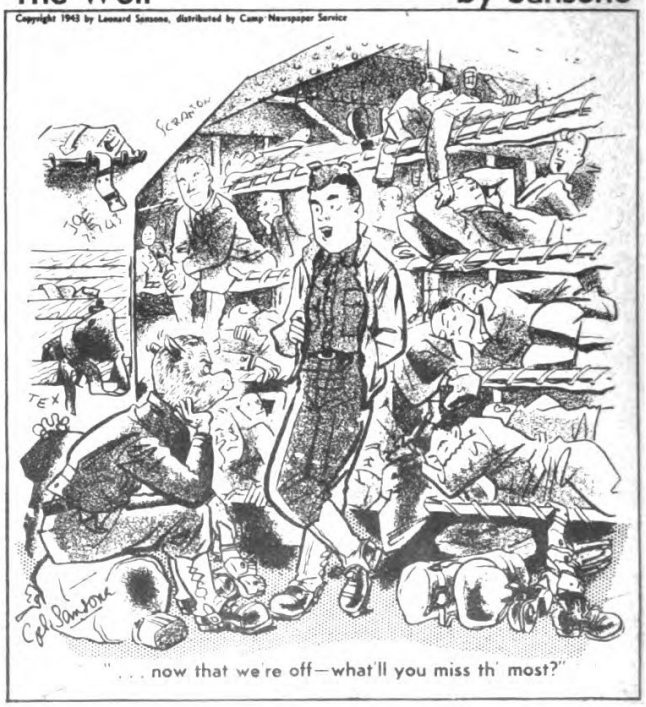
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The Wolf by Sansone



"... now that we're off—what'll you miss th' most?"

CHRISTMAS, 1943 . . .

Silent night, holy night . . .

On the beachheads of New Britain a doughboy will pause for a moment in his foxhole to remember the Christmas Eves of other days, and those still to come. In spite of the shelling and killing near him, the words of the world famed carol will be true in his memory.

All is calm, all is bright . . .

The only calmness in evidence as a Fortress rides through showers of flak over Germany is the calm assurance that again, some day, the words by the Prince of Peace, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" will be meaningfully uttered on all hands . . . the only brightness on this night will be the light of freedom which still burns brightly within the conquered peoples of Europe.

Sleep in heavenly peace . . .

Under the hot sands of Tunisia, under the rotting lush jungles of New Guinea and the Solomons, in unnamed funeral pyres of flaming airplanes in Germany, under Sicily's rocky soil, in Davy Jones' Locker . . . these soldiers, sailors and marines will never feel the joy of Yuletide, nor will they see the light of dawn. Yet they are surely preserving the Christian tradition of noting the Natal Day.

If you are lucky enough to be surrounded by your family or friends this Christmas, take a little time to think of these men.

Sleep in heavenly peace . . .

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Something New in Entertainment Field at CAAF

Something new has been added.... to borrow a phrase.....in the Chico Army Air Field entertainment circles.

That something new will be a monthly production entitled "Curtain Time for Swing", produced by Ritchie Watson of the 33rd AAF Band, and under the auspices of the Special Services office here.

First show will be given 17 January in the post gym, and will be written, produced and directed by men from CAAF. However, according to Producer Watson, the show will not be restricted to certain outside talent.

Forming the musical background for the variety revue will be the Wings of Swing, it was announced.

Full continuity is assured by the carefully written script which provides forty five minutes of fast moving comedy, music and gags.

And if that doesn't satisfy the average dogface, there will be two hours of dancing following the show, Pfc. Watson stated.

Full details, including members of the cast, will be announced in an early issue of The Flyer.

Pfc. Watson, already well known for his ability as a drummer with the Wings of Swing, has a good background in entertainment. He is a speech major at Santa Barbara State College, and majored in drama at Los Angeles City College.

While doing drumming jobs at Universal Studios and Warner Brothers, he picked up ideas for revues and various other stage productions.

Cadet Weds in Chapel

In a post chapel cermony last week Miss Geraldine Powell of Wichita, Kan., became the bride of Aviation Cadet Vincent F. Hieb[illegible] of Chico Army Air Field. Chaplain Winans F. Beadle officiated.

Both attended the University of Kansas. They will reside at 441 Olive St., Chico.

Midnight Mass in Chico Tonight; Protestant Services in Chapel

There have been several changes in observance of the Yule season by the post chapel.

Chaplain Dwight LaFollte announced that the midnight mass will not be held on the post, as previously stated. However, transportation will be provided tonight for Catholic personnel desiring to attend the midnight mass in Chico.

Busses will leave the chapel at 2315 and return shortly after 0100 Christmas morning. There will be a Christmas Mass at 0800 25 Dec. at the chapel with Fr. Cronin of Chico officiating.

There will be Protestant services in the chapel at 2000 on Christmas Eve, with Chaplain LaFollette in the pulpit. Throughout Christmas week carols were broadcast over a loudspeaker system at the chapel during the noon hour.

Words We Like to Hear: Take Tomorrow Off!

Take the day off, soldier . . .

And if that doesn't do good for what ails you, knock off again in a week.

Sounds like a buck private's dream, doesn't it? Well, in a way, it is .

'It all adds up to the fact that Chico Army Air Field will observe tomorrow, Chistmas Day, as a holiday, and will do the same thing for New Year's.

However, the present graduation schedule must be maintained, and a skeleton force will be maintained for necessary services. A turkey dinner will be served in the mess halls on Christmas from 1200 to 1600.

FLYER TAKES STAMP

The Flyer cannot be sent through the mails under the free mail privileges, according to postal officials. However, a one and one-half cent stamp will do the trick, or slip it into an envelope for mailing.

YOUR BEST INVESTMENT TODAY – BUY WAR BONDS

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PERSONNELITIES . by Bill Carah

When the Arizona boys in 44....D get a little lonesome for the old home state, a little meeting of the clan should suffice until the real thing comes along.....one of them, Robert A. Metzger, 19, of Prescott, is a hobby minded lad.....he fools around with homing pigeons of the racing variety..... A/C Leonard H. Ratekin, 23, of McFarland, Calif., did things in a big way while in high school.....he won letters in football, basketball, baseball, softball and tennis besides being student body president.....but he didn't have much on A/C Alfred T. Meyer of nearby Bakerfield, who won letters in four high school sports and two in college.

Two Chico boys came back home for basic pilot training; they are Hayden Lewis and William D. Payton.....Sgt. Max Meunier of the chaplain's officer could have gotten a few Christmas trees badly tangled if someone hadn't set him right on a couple of lumber companies last Saturday.....it would have been plain highway robbery in one case Sgt. Charlie Helmer of the 97th and a Captain from the Air Transport Command who had been all round, if his campaign ribbons were any indication, got together in a local establishment last week and agreed that the Rebels were all right, and Charlie even gave a sotto voce Rebel yell . . . a familiar figure lown on the south end of the field is Sgt. Aaron (Curly) Drake and his ever present cigar.....a young man who really sweated out some situps in P. T. last week was T/Sgt. Saastad of the 78th, who acquired a handfull of sawdust in doing 'em.....M/Sgt. Dick Willbanks lent his gloves to Santa Claus the other day down on the line.....honest fellows, we seen 'im wid me own eyes..... it really was Major Freeman, and he wanted to keep his identity secret while he had his picture taken in a BT-13 (see front cover), but the first man he saw was one of his own squadron members, whose keen eyes penetrated the disguise.....but the major made an ideal Saint Nick.

Of course, when it comes to sheer numbers, the Californias in 44-D have quite a bulge.....they have 74 entries.....one of them, A/C Robert D. Searle, probably wil be wanting to be the first to land in the Philpipines, for there his brother is a japanese prisoner of war . . . one of the many San Franciscans, Cadet Howard G. Hall, is rounding out a service family . . . one brother is a Marine Corps captain, while the other is a Navy lieutenant . . . . Cadet Calvin C. Enderlin, 20, also of San Francisco, not only has a brother in the army and navy as officers, but two others in the army as non-coms . . . . Cadet Ralph J. Bennett of Parms, Idaho, has quite an athletic record in school, where he was a four sport letterman, and at the College of Idaho, where he won letters in football, basketball and baseba1 . . . . Arthur F. Jacobs of Rockford, Ill., is the first cadet we've run across whose sister is in the WAVEs.

78th Notes, Including a Very Merry Christmas

BY PFC. J. HAINES

Merry Christmas, every one, and the best of wishes from the boys in the 78th. May the day be a joyous one.

Comments of approval were freely expaper. I'm sure it met with 100% approval.

The nicest, prettiest Christmas gift I have pressed on the size and change of our field unknown person thinks he deserved such a so far, was presented to Cpl. Jensen. some lovely gift. It seems Jensen is from Indiana and goes for very bright colors. I will try to describe the gift. 1 pair of shorts (White) with a red 2 inch sripe. Very becoming indeed. I'm sure Jensen will only be too glad to show them to you on request.

We welcome back Pvt. Jim Ward from Modesto. Jim looks a lot better. Glad to see you back Jim.

Yes, Our basketball team won a game Tuesday night. The game was won at the expence of the Weather Squadron. Final score 28-20., with Kreigbaum being the main spark. All the fellows played a bang up game. Nice going fellows.

I wonder why Pvt. Earl Stewart who recently came back from furlough is saving his money. I understand that certain rings such as DIAMONDS come rather high. I haven't made him commit his intentions as yet. Come on Earl, Fes up.

UNTIL NEXT YEAR I WILL SAY SO-LONG FOR NOW

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Gen. Yount's Xmas Message

Throughout the world this Christmas season the gallent men of our Army Air Forces are resolutely driving our enemies from the skies and bringing death and destruction to the forces of evil which have encompassed the world.

These achievements have not been easily won. They have been due to the inherent skill and courage of American manhood and womanhood, the great resources of our nation, and the complete and thorough training which our soldiers have received at home.

The Army Air Forces Training Command may well be proud of its accomplishments during the past year. In a few short months we have integrated and become the largest training organization in the Army of the United States. The speed and efficiency with which this has been accomplished has been due to the loyalty and willing cooperation of each and every individual within this Command, commissioned, enlisted, and civilian. For this I thank all of you, and take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation and gratitude for your help.

With this letter I send my warmest holiday greetings to the members of the Army Air Forces Training Command, and I look forward to New Year marked by increasing success through your contributions to ultimate Victory.

B. K. YOUNT, Lieutenant General, U. S. Army Commanding.

—To All Readers of the Flyer—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

A VICTORIOUS NEW YEAR

953rd Guard Squadron

REINDEER TOO SLOW, SO SANTA COMES BY GOOD OLD BT-13

Like everything else in this modern war, Santa Claus too has gone modern. When he arrived at Chico Army Air Field in at BT-13 yesterday, we asked him what had happened to the eight reindeer.

"Well", he hedged, "The BT-13 is so much faster than the reideer, and it has space enugh for some of these concentrated gifts I have this season."

"And besides," he admitted sheepishly," I was short of red ration points.

USO-CAMP SHOW SLATED FOR 29 DECEMBER IN POST GYMNASIUM

If you're let down after Christmas, and waiting for a New Year's pickup, USO-Camp Shows steps into the breach with one of its snappiest shows. The presentation, "Dim Your Lights," a musical revue replete with comedy and spiced with a sensational magic act, is set for the post gym Wednesday night, 29 December.

Heading the cast is The Great Lester, magician, whose specialty appears to be sawing in half—painlessly—his pretty assistant, Diane Rivers. Altogether, she has been neatly halved about 2,000 times.

The amazing part of this act is that Lester does not conceal the body, in a box, or even cover the girl with a coat. Simply strapping her to a platform, the buzzsaw apparently moves through her torso . Sounds interesting, to say the least.

Others in the show are Al Herman, master of ceremonies, who is a black face comedian; Felice Shaw, young blues singer from Hollywood who is on her first Camp Show tour; Mary and Eva Hoffard, an acrobatic team on the top rung of the ladder ,and Samuel Keck, accompanist.

As usual, it is free to G.I.s and members of their immediate families.

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The Quartermasters' Version of a Good Story . . .

By PETER

It makes a good story: Lt. Chambard, newly arrived, newly appointed Salvage Officer, was making a tour of his domain when he encountered "Lil Abner" Yocum poring laboriously over a broken down typewriter. "How long have you been working here, sergeant?" the lieutenant queried. "Just since you came in, sir," Carl replied. Orson Welles has a nice imagination, too.

"The Lament of King Size Young"
This point I oftimes meditate
With every drink I pour—
"Where does your Christmas spirit go
The morning after the night before?"

"We have the most darling, exquisite little Christmas tree in our office." At least that's the way the girls describe it. Only one complaint about it thus far. Edith exclaimed she didn't think it had the proper odor for an evergreen. We remedied that O. K. but now the S.P.C.A. is seeking an injunction. They want us to free the four dogs that are chained to the base. Even Christmas presents its little problems.

Wesner was the beaming recipient of the most beautiful fruit cake you ever cast your optics on. Two bananas and an apple lashed to a chocolate cookie.

This is not going to be such a bad Christmas after all. I see Mrs. Miller just issued a "T" book to a fat, jovial gentleman wearing a bright red suit. He's using a car this year. Ricer wouldn't approve that last requisition for reindeer harness.

See you all as soon after Christmas as my eyesight will permit.

'Bye now.

WHY?

When we buy bonds to our limit we do these things: Provide the implements of war needed in ever increasing volume; resist the threats of dangerous inflation; provide a reservoir of resources for postwar activity; provide for our own individual future financial security; provide for the greatest possible safety for our funds; obtain one of the best rates of return on our investment available today.

DEAR SANTA: PULEEEZE! THE POST ENGINEERS

Last night as I lay on my pillow
So peacefully in bed
I dreamed I saw a letter
And this is what it said:
Dear Santa:
Christmas time is nearly here
And our wants are very few
So in hopes that we might get them
We are sending this to you.
Kay would like a trip back home
To get some home-cooked food,
But there's a chance a cook-book
Would do just as good.
Ruth wants a snow storm,
And a pleasant place to live.
Jennie would like a chocolate cake
If you have that to give.
Eileen wants a bungalow
Back in the middle west,
And if other things go with that
She'd probably like the rest.
The Lieutenant has set his heart
On one limit of ducks,
And Thelma's wants are very few,
She'd like a million bucks.
Jeane Lichty would like to go
To Bidwell Park to swim.
And Pop Cumming's wish to fish full-time
Is never just a whim.
Mr. Warrick wants a hair cut,
It's all he really needs.
Beulah wishes her lake dammed up
Or that it might recede.
Burns wants a thousand dollars
Or a quart of whiskey will do.
Owens would like a discharge
And a higher salary, too.
Wands, like the rest of us
Would like the war to end
That would bring Jean's sailor home.
It's the best you can give a friend.
We've asked for an awful lot, Santa,
But we've wanted it for years
Please, could you bring them to us?
Signed- - - -The Post Engineers.

P. S. We've really asked for too much,
But if you can see your way clear
Thelma would like a girdle.
Could you bring it this year?
Merry Christmas from Post Engineers.

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OFFICERS TO BE GUESTS OF COL., MRS. HOYLE

Officers of Chico Army Air Field will be guests of Colonel and Mrs. Gerald Hoyle at an open house tomorrow in the Officers Club. The time has been set from 1400 to 1800.

Officers and their ladies will observe the holidays with a dance at the club on New Year's Eve. There will be entertainment, refreshments and dancing. Music will be by the Wings of Swing.

AT POST THEATER

SATURDAY, DEC. 25

HOLIDAY INN

Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire

Matinee Time Changed to 1400
For Saturday Only

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

THE GANG'S ALL HERE

Alice Faye, James Ellison,
Carmen Miranda
Benny Goodman & Orchestra

TUESDAY

THE SULTAN'S DAUGHTER

Warner Baxter, Rose Hobart

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

LOST ANGEL

Margaret O'Brien, James Craig
Marsha Hunt

FRIDAY

TARZAN'S DESERT MYSTERY

Johnny Weismuller, Nancy Kelly
—Cartoon, Shorts—

In Which Lt. Bowen Fails To Keep His Mind on Basketball

1st Lt. John D. Bowen of the Warhawk officers basketball team usually is a pretty hot player. In fact, he usually tops the scoring column of his team.

But Monnday night against the Mustangs, he wasn't worth a hoot to his team, which lost to the Mustangs by a wide margin. But Lt. Bowen wasn't the least bit unhappy about his showing. In fact, he was waltzing around the floor with a big grin on his face.

It was easy to see that his mind was not on basketball. Lt. Bowen had just become a father.

G. I. OUTFITS DOMINATE CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

The City Bowling League in town is a civilian aggregation, but two of the teams are fileld in by army boys, and they seem to be carrying off all the honors.

One civilian team is staffed by men under the Medics banner, while another is made up of Quartermaster lads.

Here is a list of honors which the G. I boys have tucked under their collective arms: Sgt. Frank Lindner of the Medics has high three game score with 661; Cpl Monte McManus of the Q.M. has high single game with 286; The Quartermasters have high team single game score, with 1064; the Medics have high three game team score with 2978, while S/Sgt. Johnn Murry of the Q.M. has high average with 192.

Aside from that, the civilian entries in the league do fairly well.

Briefs from the Tenth . . .

Among the expert pistol shots in the Tenth are S/Sgt. Nick Schnoor and Sgt. Walter C. Connor, both of whom had 94 scores, Cpl. Wilson Burtt with a 92, Sgt. Matthew Ryan 91, T/Sgt. P. J. Harrington and S/Sgt. Richard P. Gilligan with 90 each, S/Sgt. Burnath Morgan 88, and T/Sgt. Bennie Friedmann and Pvt. J. C. Knight, with scores of 87 each.

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Hot Shots Trim College

BY WINN E. COE

At times I may be over enthusiastic about "Howard's Hot Shots", and write too much about going to the basketball games, but you fellows who missed the game with Chico State College Wednesday night missed the game of the year. At half time the score was 14 to 13 in our favor; at the end of the game the score was tied 30-30. That's not all. The "Hot Shots" won the game in an overtime period by a score of 36-35. The game was fast and exciting and well played thru out. It takes spirit to play and win games like that one, but that's just what they did, and in case you missed the score here it is again. The "Howard Hot Shots" 36 and Chico State 35.

If you enjoy the looks of the Christmas tree in the day room, give credit to the combination of Burkhardt, Edgersdorff and Hoey They are the ones that decorated the tree and put up all the decorations. The best looking on the field.

S/Sgt. Kelly's foot was all right until the bivouac was announced. A few days before the affair, Sgt. Kelly started limping from a supposed injured ankle. He would have gotten away with it if he had stayed away from the hospital, but x-rays showed a broken bone. Feel sorry for him if you want to, for Kelly is going on a fifteen day convalescent furlough. Laugh that off.

Cpl. Hank Davis is not having girl trouble any more, for his baby girl was born Saturday, December 18th at 1130, weight 7lbs 1 oz. His latest trouble seems to be cigar trouble, if any one happens to ask.

PFC. Smith was gigged for having a bobbie pin under his bed but Smith finally found out that said pin belonged to Cpl. Burkhardt. Burkhardt claims that bobbie pins have other uses than keeping a girl's hair together. Still can't figure out why it should have been under Smith's bed.

The 97th basketball team will be known as "Howard's Hot Shots" from now on. They still have a clean record in the scramble on the field, and Tuesday night beat the 10th Air Base by a score of 28 to 12. Get out for as many games as you can. The team needs your support.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE!

Sgt. Shaw without gum. Cpl. Van Gundy using his elbow in a basketball game. S/Sgt. Lenz rubbing two blankets together to keep warm. No work in the Link department. No turkey for Christmas. Sgt. Rice working. T/Sgt. Graper worrying about calisthenics.

Christmas Contact Chico Show Is Featured by Col. Hoyle's Remarks

Colonel Gerald Hoyle, commanding officer of CAAF, made his first appearance on "Contact Chico" the field,s weekly radio show, Thursday night at Memorial Hall in Chico. Also on the prgram was Earle R. Bevins, mayor of Chico, and Dave Humphreys, Chico USO director.

Highlight of the program was Christmas music by the Wings of Swing, under Chief Warrant Officer Hiram M. Allen, with the audience participating. Vical soloists were Mrs. Neva Wise, wife of Aviation Cadet Wise, and Pvt. Robert Krupp of the Band.

Mrs. Wise sang "Ave Maria" and the Marsellaise, in the program's salute to the Allies, while Pvt. Krupp led the audience in several well known carols.

Post Exchange Personnel Has Christmas Party

"And a good time was had by all!" The Post Exchange celebrated Christmas at the Hotel Oaks, Thursday night, December 23, with a party for all the Exchange persnnel. The G.I.'s escorted their gal friends, and our gals took their boy friends, and everybody danced and dined with much joy.

Floyd Foster, our blonde corporal who is in charge of the Sub-Depot lunchroom, sent us a "Merry Christmas" telegram from Texas. He's spending his furlough down thataway and says it's quite wonderful.

Correction, please! The name of the new diner on the line is "Sad Sack Snackery" and not "Smackery" as was printed in last week's Flyer.

Our appreciation to the Aviation Cadet who spilled popcorn all over the Exchange floor, and with much aplomb and enthusiasm swept it up.

And to all of you, the Exchange personnel extend their wishes for a "Very Merry Christmas!"

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Civilian Workers Earn Cash Awards for Valuable Suggestions

Cash awards to several civilian employees for sugestions to speed production and promote safety were announced by the civilian Award Committee.

These included: Herman Hanna, special tool for removal of tail wheel post, $20.; Adolph Patocka, device for temporary disposal of hoist-chains, $5.; James Hollis, modification of vacuum chamber for instrument test, $10.; Cale Carter, special cable gauge, $25.; George White, chest brace for Reed-Prince type screwdrivers, $5.

The committee consists of Captain L. E. Tyson, post engineer, chairman; Captain Roland R. Reed, 19th Sub Depot engineering officer; and Mr. Morton Atwater, of the civilian personnel office.

Speaking of Resolutions . . .

TOMORROW is New Year's Day, 1944—the third since our Nation went to war.

The very fact that the day is arriving with the main invasion of Europe as yet to come, and that the German home front still shows no signs of cracking, should be enough to convince those happy idiots who broadcast their belief that the European phase of the war would be over by Christmas.

As we enter another year, it becomes very apparent that we can't wish the war to a conclusion. We've got to fight it to a conclusion.

And that means us of the Air Forces Training Command as well as those of the combat outfits fighting all over the world. It should be plain enough to all that without adequate numbers of well trained air crew members, all our vaunted aircraft production is wasted.

While New Year's resolutions appear to be going out of style, we couldn't go wrong by making and STICKING TO a couple for 1944. It's quite probable that they might have something to do with getting this thing over with sooner.

The first one is: instead of setting your own date (established by wishful thinking) for the end of the war, and tapering off your work toward that date, try to increase your work without regard for a time limit. You will find that your objective will be accomplished much more rapidly that way.

Secondly, continue to be a good soldier, and all that it implies.

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Looking Back on *1943* at CAAF

New Year's Day, 1943.....things were looking a lot better for the Allies on the World's battlefronts, and lawns were beginning to appear at Chico Army Air Field.

Things have come a long way since that time as we go into another war year.

On all fronts we have the initiative, and General Eisenhower promises the end of the European War in 1944.

Chico Field has had in the past year three commanding officers - - - Colonels John K. Nissley, George F. Hartman and Gerald Hoyle. The scope of the post has grown until we have graduates flying on every front, and earning almost every decoration a grateful nation can bestow.

As the year opened, there were plans to move a detachment of cadets to Fallon, Nev., for winter flying, but nothing came of it when weather cleared up here.

On January 16, the 19th Sub Depot completely rebuilt a basic trainer right here on the field for the first time in a West Coast Training Center sub depot, and Edward L. Reid became lieutenant colonel, and John Z. Endress major.

Later in the month the Tenth had its big stag smoker in the south mess hall, while on the nation's war effort the Flying Training Command observed its first anniversary.

Chico Field, then Chico Army Fyling School, saw its first WAAC, and carpenters began construction of the N. C. O. Club in February.

Colonel George F. Hartman arrived from Williams Field to assume command in March, about the time the weekly Flyer almost went extinct on us because of an order banning advertising in it. Things were straightened out, however.

In the last week of March five enlisted men donned the uniform of warrent officer, including Frank Alioto, Rex B. Owens, Corbin W. Seay, Ewald J. Nelson and Russell B. Messner.

As April was ushered in, G.I.s began to think of fishing and other things. Angling trips for week ends were announced by Special Services, and S/Sgt. Clyde Santos of the cadet mess married Miss Carol Bowman.

Also, on the occasion of Chico Field's first anniversary, an open house was held in which many visitors thronged the post. May I saw the opening of the NCO club, and a week later the baseball season began with Colonel Hartman tossing out the first ball.

The post victory garden yielded some radishes, and Captain Philip B. Putnam traded his silver bars for gold oak leaves. Signs of summer came with the opening of the pool the last week in may, the same time as S/Sgt. Jack O'Brien, Flyer editor since Moffett Field days, was transferred to Santa Ana.

Another addition to the post was the War Room, first set up in the cadet headquarters building. It later was to move to Fourth and C Avenue with a permanent set up.

In the latter part of May Robbie's post softball champs, went to Stockton were thumped by the QM depot there, and Larry Vonesh became a second lieutenant at Miami Beach OCS. On July 4, 100 17-year-old youths from this are visited the post to see what cadet training was like, and Chico Field men were doing their part to save crops in their spare time.

Colonel Hoyle arrived from Marfa, Texas C.O. in July, and Colonel Toomey as executive officer in early September.

The new gymnasium was completed in September, and figures released by the Finance Office showed that CAAF was backing the Third War Loan. Among those making big purchases were Barber Pat Barnes, Captain Witcomb, Major Beckhman, Cpl Mark Cohen of the 953rd, and many others.

Late September saw the beginning of Contact Chico, the field's radio program, produced by Pfc Sanford Sindell, Major Horowitz was tranferred, and word was received that Sgt. Joe Stanger of the paratroopers, formerly of CAAF, had seen action in Sicily.

October saw a number of important developments. G. I.s were allowed to take flight training in grade, and the 19th Sub Depot, under command of Major Hugh Marth, was commended by Major General Walter H. Frank, chief of Air Service Command, and the first WAC officer, Lt. Vesta M. Arnold, was assigned to the post as assistant personnel adjutant.

The last day of October saw an Air Medal

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Personnelities...

Captain George S. Ritter post quartermaster, is an old army man, having enlisted at March Field, California, in July, 1933..... he was successively a master sergeant, warrant officer, and commissioned officer, during a short period in 1942 . . . he hopes to complete 30 years service . . . . among the other officers to report here recently are Lt. Sylvan W. Beakle, a Colorado State College graduate and a forest ranger before entering the army, and 2nd Lt. Earle K. Easton of Sioux City, Iowa, who saw service in the Hawaiian Islands during the Jap attack of Dec. 7, 1941 . . . . Lt. John P. Turner, a Phoenix, Ariz., resident.....Lt. Gerald O. Berry, hails from Tuckahoe, N. Y., and Warrant Office (JG) Hubert S. Swaine, of Los Angeles, was graduated third highest in a class of 200 at the American Business Institute . . . .two other recent arrivals are Lts. Frederick W. Taylor, from Lafayette, Ind., and Horace L. Webster, from Oshkosh, Wis., the latter is a former photography studio operator.

LOOKING BACK...

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presented to the mother of a missing U.S. flyer, by Colonel Hoyle, in a review on the ramp. Colonel Hoyle also was marshal of the Chico Armistice Day parade, and many men from the post participated. G.I.s were unanimous in their praise of the swell Thanksgiving dinner.

Nearly 500 civilian service awards were presented to 19th Sub Depot and station employees in ceremonies in the post gym. Colonel Hoyle and Major Marth made the awards. Another review saw presentation of an Air Medal and Purple Heart, and of a presidential citation to S/Sgt. Norman Wilford of the 79th.

All this time those enlisted men whose basic training did not appear on their service records were getting the training again, and talk around the barracks was about pistol scores and similar vein.

And its still going on, but we did have a holiday Christmas Day.

Quote and Unquote . . . By Pfc. Wenger

CAAF men agree that a well-formed woman is more desirable than a well-informed one . . . And then there are two types of people that will tell you that there are better places to be than you are now; preachers and real estate agents . . . There is a moral to this: After eating mince pie and hash at a restaurnt ,it is appropriate that the diner pay with coins inscribed "In God We Trust" . . . Because of officers in the Air Corps being so young, a sign in a U. S. Officers Club reads: "Positively no alcoholic beverages will be sold to Air Corps Lieutenant Colonels under 21, unless accompanied with parents" . . .I'd ask you for the next dance," said the wolfish cadet, "but all the cars are taken." . . . One evening in Harlem two fellows were settling a dispute. For some time there was no sound but heavy breathing and the swishing of razors. Finally one of the colored gentlemen made a lunge at the other. "Ha ha, you missed" laughed one voice. "Oh, yeah?" laughed the other, "just try turning your head." . . . And it has been said that women are attractive at 20, attentive at 30 and adhesive at 40. Right??? . . . And the story of the week has to do with the young miss going Christmas shopping. She approached the floorwalker and asked, "Do you have any notions on this floor?" The floorwalker looked her up and down and replied, "Yes, ma'am, but we're supposed to repress them during business hours." . . . Unquote.

Civilian Lapel Buttons For Dicharged Military Personnel Available Here

Civilian lapel buttons, signifying honorable discharge from the army during this war, are available at the unit personnel section in post headquarters.

The buttons are awarded to all those honorably discharged, or those being returned to iactive reserve status. In order to obtain the buttons, discharge papers, or certificate showing return to inactive status, must be presented.

Officers must present two copies of their separation orders placing them on inactive status.

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Holiday Message from Col. Hoyle

To All Personnel of Chico Army Air Field:

This is our third holiday season in wartime. Even though it is traditionally a festive occasion there can be no relaxation for us from the rigorous routine of training pilots for war. However, we can and should enter into the spirit and the meaning of these holidays in our daily working associations and during our off-duty hours.

This past year has seen many changes in personnel and training procedures here at Chico Army Air Field. We are constantly being expected to turn out more pilots with fewer training personnel. As more and more men are sent overseas, this pinch will grow even greater, and the demands upon everyone in this command will continue to increase. We must expect that. I am confident, however, that you all will meet these new demands as competently and as cheerfully as you have risen to similar occasions in the past few months.

Most of us, I know, are anxious to get overseas where we can actually use our training in killing Japs and Germans. It often goes against the grain for a man to go on day after day sitting behind a desk or flying the same pattern in a basic trainer. But remember this! Every pilot who graduates from this school will be using your skill and your training when he gets into combat, and it will be because you did your job well that he will have a definite edge over his enemies.

My warmest greetings to you all, and may 1944 bring that victory which is our only goal.

GERALD HOYLE
Colonel, Air Corps

REHEARSALS BEGIN FOR NEW MUSICAL SHOW

Rehearsals have begun for the new type musical show, "Curtain Time for Swing", which goes on in the gymnasium January 17.

This show differs from other soldier productions here on the post in the past in that full continuity is assured because of a carefully written script. Forty-five minutes of song, comedy and music by the Wings of Swing.

All of the cast have been chosen, and it includes several vocalists from Chico and the surrounding area. One of these is a Miss Helen Poore, a warbler of no mean ability who has appeared in radio and other public appearances in northern California.

The show, which is under the auspices of Special Services, is produced by Pfc. Ritchie Watson of the 33rd AAF Band.

Sad Sack Snackery Opens Monday, January 3

Music, music, everwhere - - - the most popular item in the PX - - - our new juke box! Harry James. Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and - - well, come and hear it yourself, soldier. Some of the PX personnel, though, are requesting that new record, "Five Minutes of Silence."

For those of you who still call and inquire, we repeat: the Gas Station is open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. But don't blame us if we are out of gas. We are rationed the same as you are, and can only sell a certain amount of gasoline each day.

Opening day for the new diner on the line, Sad Sack Snackery is definitely set for Monday, 3 January, 1944.

There is a lot of new stationery in the PX with which to write to the folks back home. Also new Air Corps earrings to grace the little lady's ear. Excuse me. Have to go hear the Mills Brothers sing "Paper Doll" on the Juke Box.

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Happy New Year Greeting From CAAF, South Part

Happy New Year every one us boys down here at the southern end of the field, and our Major.

All of us wish to thank and congtratulate Louie Dubiel and Benny Mohr—on their fine job of handling the Christmas rush of mail and packages.

Pvt. Woodwyck has moved from barracks T-119. The reason was too much noise during the day.

Tuson Nordmyer is still swinging the girls at the rat race. You can find him there on Saturday nights.

The boys of Flight 11 wish to thank Lt. and Mrs. Franz for the delicious cakes she made and sent to us boys down on the line. It was more than appreciated and enjoyed by all.

FLASH—78th basketball team beat the 52nd quintet, who was previously unbeaten in league competion, thereby running their string to three straight wins. They were led by Gilbert and Bettencourt with ten and seven respectively. Each man played a bang up game. The final score was 29 to 24.

Sgt. Vinson is now attending the social circles at Durham. I understand he will settle down in this vicinity after the war.

Sgt. Koopman did it again. Yes he pulled his rank on the fellows at a little Christmas party the fellows were having down town. The fellows up stairs in T-119 must be very quiet after lights out; Sgt. Koopman must have his beauty rest.

OH-OO My head. Never again. See you next week!

Wanted: Wallet To Go With Address Book

Need an address book?

Well, there's one floating around the post somewhere, wrapped up in a wallet.

Aside the from the address book, the wallet contains a birth certificate, social security card and other odds and ends valued greatly by Miss Haroldine Hays, the owner.

If you find it, you can have the addresses, but drop it around to Employee Transportation Office, in Q. M. headquarters, or call the young lady at 267.

To All Personnel of The Army Air Forces:

At Christmas last year we began to see light after the long darkness of the first year of the war. Confident of your enormous efforts as individuals and as a fighting force, I knew that we could expect with assurance a new year that would be a bright year and a proud year. We in the AAF have found it so. The hopes we held were abundantly realized. The confidence we felt proved to be well-founded.

This Christmas we have all that to be thankful for. Our hopes for the future are very high. In the consciousness of hard jobs well done, I hope every man and woman in the AAF will have at heart a Merry Christmas even in surroundings that may be strange.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day some of you may find yourselves engaged in deadly combat. Many of you will be suffering hardships and dangers in situations as unlike Christmas as any you ever imagined. Very few of you will be able to spend Christmas as we would all wish to spend it. That will come again on those Christmases after we have finished the job.

With these thoughts in mind I send my Christmas and New Year's greetings to every one of you, wherever you are. As you know, the coming year will bring the most decisive days of our time, the most decisive of centuries to come perhaps. I am fully confident that you are equal to the challenge. Your courage and endurance, your devotion and your labor have carried us strong and safe and brought us one year nearer victory and realization of the things for which Christmas stands.

H. H. ARNOLD, General, U. S. Army,
Commanding General, AAF

The Cover . . .

That very promising looking private first class on the cover is Lloyd A. Maxson Jr., whose father is T/Sgt. Maxson of base photo. The newcomer hopes to make at least corporal in 1944.

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The 97th Celebrates . . .

Christmas is not quite over as the mail orderly will testify. Packages are still coming and there is a long mail list every call. It will be several days before the postoffice in town will be cleared up. Be patient, you may get that package yet.

The Christmas dinner on the post was up to its usual standard and once again the mess officers and crew are to be congratrulated. No one can say they didn't have the best that can be had.

The 97th eked out a thriller to beat the Q.M. 18 to17. With seconds or less to T/Sgt. Joe Williams fired a long one that won the game. The boys are without a loss to date. Following is a roster of the squad with a brief history of each man arranged according to height: Pvt Michael Timko, center, 6 feet 2 inches, weight 200 pounds, age 27. Born in Taylor, Penn. Freshman basketball at U of Penn. Owned by Cincinnati Reds and Uncle Sam. Pfc Frank H. Smith, guard, 6 feet 1 inch, weight 180 pounds, age 21. Born in Ballinger, Texas. High school city league. Pvt. Charles E. Shanks, center, 6 feet 1 inch, weight 180 pounds, age 24. Born in Canton, Missouri. High school and Culver - - Stockton College. Sgt. Roy E. Lee, guard, 6 feet, weight 175, age 25. Born in Flint, Michigan. High school and city league. Sgt Fred Lindner, guard, 6 feet, weight 185, age 24. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. High school, city league. Pvt. Arthur S. Kanfer, guard, 5 feet 11 inches, weight 165, age 21. Born in New York City. High school and city league. T/Sgt. Joe E. Williams, forward, 5 feet 10 inches, weight 165, age 23, Born in Morgantown, Indiana. City league and national guard. Cpl. Le Roy Bracken, forward, 5 feet 9 inches, weight 130 pounds, age 24. Born in Paul, Idaho. High school. Cpl. Robert D. Van Gundy, forward, 5 feet 8 inches, weight 160, age 23. Born in Salina, Kansas. High School and City League. Sgt. Chester P. Shaw, forward, 5 feet 8 inches, weight 160, age 24. Born in Shelbyville, Indiana. High School and City League. Sgt. Gregory on furlough.

How about those pool tickets? Are all you fellows contributing to the box on the wall?

1st Sgt. Joe Bailey worked all Christmas Day so the boys in the orderly room could have the day off. Not a bad Christmas present in itself.

Each man in the squadron received as a gift from the squadron an Autopoint pencil. A useful and practical gift that was much appreciated.

An Ersatz Author Makes His Debut for Q. M.

BY PETER

Editor's Note: The column is written this week by his many friends, because of conditions which were 50 per cent out of your usual correspondent's control. Due to curricular and extra-curricular activities of the usually faithful author of this log, his burden has proved too much for him)

Ward, who will discourse fluently and at great length on subjects philosophical, was discussing the effects, both moral and physical, of early retiring the other day while returning from P.T. After making the succinct statement that "there's no reason to feel good all the time when it's so easy to feel bad," he came to the conclusion that the effort necessary to hit the sack before nine P. M. was not worth the results. To prove it, he and your erstwhile correspondent carried out a noble experiment the following night.

"Curley" Mootz struck up an acquaintanceship with Key System trains the other day while returning from his three day in San Francisco, and was able to report that the darned things work after all. Needless to say, during the entire trip, our hero cursed the day he sold "Betsy."

Haroldine Hays, who helps Mr. Ickes with his gasoline problem, reports that her recent pajama party was a howling success. Due no doubt to a few late arrivals and a small quantity of contraband goods seized in a daring night raid. No casualties were listed.

QMers are wondering whether Driscoll's affaire d'amour is being affected seriously by his basketball activities. Their fears can be put at rest by our scouting reports which state that he is doing quite well at both.

We will close with a moment of silence in memory of MacFarlane, who is on K.P. this week.

! ! IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE ! !

708 waking up without the C.Q. calling 708 times over the inter-com. Getting comfortable in a rifle sling. A gas alert early in the morning or during breakfast.

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Many More G.I.s Enter Ranks of Cadets

When tomorrow rolls around there will be a few familiar faces missing from Chico Army Air Field - - - a lot of boys who are beginning avaition cadet training at Buckley Field, Colorado.

They include T/Sgts. Joseph M. Decker and Harry M. Witt, Sgts. Edward H. Thoemke and James E. Allen, Pfc. Joseph J. Barbuto Jr., and Pvts. Michael E. Forster Jr. and Ernest H. Baack, all of the 10th; Sgt. John S. Atkinson, Cpl. James H. Martin and Pfc. Stanley Ellison of the 97th Hq; Cpl Donald W. Lutes and Pfc. Jacob Korzan of the 79th, and Pfc. Gerald W. Jones of the 78th.

On orders as Air Corps Unassigned and awaiting call for air crew training are several more.

They include T/Sgt. Donald A. Nelsen, S Sgt. Robert B. Lowery and Cpl. John C. Corbett of the 78th; S/Sgt. Lloyd P. Rambeau, Sgt. Rocco E. Petrozzi and Cpl. Verne E. Amrine of the 79th, and S/Sgt. Leroy V. Ruth of the 10th.

Long, Long Ago at Library

This is a collection of pieces which Alexander Woollcott published in the New Yorker and other journals, with some of his broadcasts thrown in for good measure. They are varied in subject and length, and, as might be expected from his pen, are clever, sprightly, and entertaining. Many of the sketches will be fresh in the recollections of magine readers, as the article on Katharine Cornell and the famous tour which landed her and her company at 11 P. M. on a Christmas day in Seattle to find a patient audience still awaiting them in the theatre; or the story of the late Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes' remark to Lincoln when, as a young man in the Civil War, he shouted to the President who was exposing himself to fire "Get down, you fool"; or his pieces on Shaw and Barrie, and his discussions of plays and stage celebrities. Many of the pieces date; some of them are so brief as to be mere skits; but they make excellent reading in the manner of Mr. Woollcott's popular "While Rome Burns".

Also received at the Post Library are the new pocket guides to New Guinea, Italy, Alaska, and West Africa.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

(Including Games of 28 Dec.)

OFFICERS LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Mustangs	5	0	1.000
Thunderbolts	4	1	.800
Groundhogs	3	2	.600
Warhawks	1	3	.250
Liberators	1	3	.250
Vibrators	0	5	.000

"A" LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Hotshots	6	0	1.000
Bombers	5	1	.833
78th	4	3	.571
Quartermaster	3	3	.500
Weather	3	4	.429
79th	2	3	.400
Tenth	2	4	.333
Finance	0	7	.000

Holiday Party Tossed By The Tenth With a Good Time Had By Everyone

Well, the 10th went and done it again! It can be said without reservation that our little holiday gathering in Fairburn Hall Tuesday night was one of the top events of the year . . . it was well managed, the food was swell (boy, those prawns) and the decorations showed a lot of work . . . in addition, the music was in the groove and the entertainment was tops . . . and while bouquets are being tossed around, one should go to Sgt. (Lend-Lease) Charley Helmer of the 97th, who used to be an up and coming Tenth lad . . . Charley emceed the event with the greatest of aplomb, and raffled off the war bonds and stamps just like the tobacco auctioneer . . . incidentally, the lucky lad was S/Sgt. John Bowmer, who won the bond . . . all the boys and their wives and girl friends were there in their best bibs and stuff, and all on their good (?) behavior . . . the base photo lad was well represented, even T/Sgt. Lloyd (Old man) Maxson there with the bells on . . . there were plenty of aircraft dispatchers, also and the Q.M. and Fighting Finance turned out in goodly numbers. Those stuffed olives, that beer, that potato salad . . . mmmmmmmm!

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Bombers Knocked Off by 78th

Events on the CAAF basketball front took a sensational turn this week.

In Tuesday night's games, the Brown Bombers of the 52nd were knocked from their undefeated position by the up and coming 78th, while the league leading Howard's Hotshots came within four secnds of being trimmed by the Quartermasters.

Coach A. J. Wilson's boys came from behind to defeat the Bombers 29-24, chiefly through the efforts of Center Gilbert. He tallied ten points, six of them in the deciding second period. Cpl. Cleon Henry of the 52nd league's leading scorer, had eight digits.

But most sensational was the last second field goal by T/Sgt. Joe Williams of the 97th, which beat the tough Quartermaster defense, 18-17. The Robbers were leading by a single point with only four seconds left to go. Then Williams let fly from quarter court over near the sidelines and that was it.

S/Sgt. Johnny Murry, forward, was high for the Q.M., and Timko, guard, had seven points to top the Hotshots.

In last week's tilts, the Q.M. lads dropped another close one, this one to the 78th. The score was 28-26, and this time Coach Eddie Driscoll of the Robbers topped the scorers for the evening with eight tallies. But his team was behind all the way.

In the other game of last week the Bombers swamped the Weather outfit under a barrage of baskets to the tune of 26-11. Vaughn and Hunt each had eight points for the Bombers, while Melzter again topped the losers.

Two games involving the Tenth will be played later due to work conflicts.

These contests left the 97th in undisputed league leadership, the Bombers second and the 78th in third place.

Cpl. Cleon Henry of the Bombers is the leading scorer of the Enlisted men's league, with 71 markers in six contests or an average of 11.6 per tilt. Second is Sgt. Bill Meltzer of Weather, with 41 counters is five games. Gilbert of the 78th is next with 35, followed by Johnny Murry of the Q.M. with 33.

THUNDERBOLTS MOP UP IN OFFICERS LEAGUE; MOVE UP TO SECOND

When the Thunderbolts were through raising merry heck with the Officers basketball league during the past week, a few changes were evident in the loop standings.

Lt. Walker's men had knocked the Groundhogs out of second place, and seriously threatened the leadership of the Mustangs. Their big effort came on Dec. 22, when the Vibrators were snowed under by 43-24, the biggest score of the CAAF season to date.

Scoring was pretty evenly divided, but Lt. Ashwood topped his team with ten, while Lt. Walters of the Losers had 11. In their other triumph, the Thunderbolts whipped Warhawks 32-19, this time Lt. Vernon Henderson tanking nine points for high honors. Lt. Bowen of the Hawks scored eight.

In Tuesday night's games, the Groundhogs defeated the Liberators by 32-21 as Lt. Manville Petteys of the winner had a field day. He tallied 16 points on eight field goals, while Lt. Aaron Rempel of the Liberators was good for 12 tallies.

Lt. Story and his Mustangs continued their winnig ways, knocking off the Vibrators 30-26, despite 15 points by Captain Art Buck. The Vibrators were miles ahead at the end of the first half, the score being 21-7, but then something happened to Capt. Buck's spree, and he was held to three points for the remainder of the contest, and Lt. Boyd took up for the winners. In the other victory, the Mustangs came through by three points over the Groundhogs with Lts. Story, Boyd and Hunt leading the attack. Lt. Petteys again was high for the ground school officers.

In five games thus far, Lt. Petteys easily is high scorer for the officers, having 57 points fr an average of 11.4 per contest. Lt. Sidney Story has 48 markers in five games.

THINK OF THE FUTURE — BUY MORE WAR BONDS!!

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Pistol Packin' Mamma Is Community Sing Feature

Lay that pistol down, babe!

And if you don't know why, drop over to the post theater Friday or Saturday for a novel presentation of Pistol Packin' Mama for the weekly community singing.

Everyone likes to sing, and when that gal with the gun is put before you in the way this one is, well, there's nothing like it.

AT POST THEATER

SATURDAY, 1 JANUARY

THE GHOST SHIP

Richard Dix, Edith Barrett, Russell Wade

—Shorts, Cartoon—

SUNDAY and MONDAY

DESTINATION TOKYO

Cary Grant, John Garfield

—Universal News—

TUESDAY

SWING FEVER

Kay Kyser, Marilyn Maxwell, William Cargan

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

JACK LONDON

Michael O'Shea, Susan Hayward

—Cartoon and News—

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

NO TIME FOR LOVE

Claudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray

Army-Nevy Screen Magazine
Community Sing—Pistol Packin' Mama

Corps of Engineers . . .

The Christmas party we held last week proved to be a success. The fellows trooped in, their eyes misting at the beauty of the tree, and opening wide as they fell on the row of stockings hanging neatly on the mantle, and full to the brim with Christmas goodies.

They stood around in open mouthed wonder as Santa performed his duties of handing out the right stocking to the right person, and their amazement knew no bounds as they fell to discovering the treasures that each stocking held. Tops, bubble pipes, sling shots, dolls, K. P. aprons, dice and paper hats proved to be their loot when all gifts were opened. The verses, written especially for each person, were appropriate, and as a sample, we give you the following, a top which was received by John Dunlap:

"Round and round and round it goes,
Where it stops nobody knows.
To tell where it stops, nobody dares,
What the heck! Nobody cares."

Remember Larry Hunter? There's a Christmas card from him on the bulletin board mailed from Britain. You will also find a card from Peter Barale shows that for the present he is stationed at Fort Logan, Colo.

The four band wives, Eileen Seifert, Ruth Miller, Jean Lichty and Norma Rubke prove to be the only girls in the office to date who haven't had sick leave due to the flu. However, we can't vouch for the time between now and when this goes to press, because Eileen and Ruth are showing the wobbly symptoms and are getting a little watery eyed. Sounds like a New Year's hangover, doesn't it?

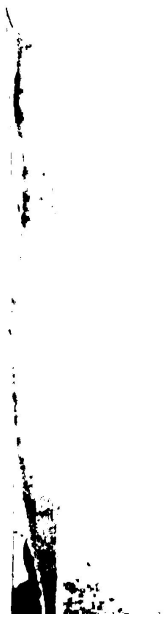
By the way — Happy New Year to you all. and to the boys from this Field who have been sent over seas or transferred to another base - we wish you all the Luck in the World - and a victorious New Year.

Receives Decoration

Major General Walter R. Weaver, former commanding general of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command who was retired from the United States Army on December 31, 1943, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in ceremonies at AAF Headquarters in The Pentagon, the War Department announced. General Henry H. Arnold, Commanding General of the AAF, made the presentation.

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ARMS AND SERVICES CHANGEOVER TO MAKE HARD-HITTING TEAM

THE Chief of Staff has authorized by direction of the Secretary of War the elimination of arms and services branch distinctions within the Army Air Forces. This authorization marks a most important milestone for the Army Air Forces and was given in order that we can build a more completely integrated, more efficiently functioning, harder hitting team—a team wherein the members have but one loyalty, one purpose, distinguishing insignia.

You are all members of this team whether you pilot the planes, repair the guns, build the airfields, maintain the radios, drive the trucks, handle the supplies, or care for the sick and wounded. Your teamwork in the past has been the basic reason for our outstanding success against the enemy. Your efforts toward greater teamwork in the future will hasten the enemy's defeat and "unconditional surrender."

Those of you who are presently identified as "Arms and Services with the Army Air Forces" have my personal assurance that the job of converting all personnel to Air Corps and integrating the arms and services organizations into functionalized Army Air Forces organizations will be done most carefully and thoroughly over a period of time, that all of your special skills will be utilized to the utmost, and that your opportunities for service and advancement will be broadened and enhanced, limited only by your own abilities.

Because the effects of this change are so far reaching and important to the Army Air Forces, the conversion must be orderly. Commanding officers will receive in the near future from this headquarters specific instructions on steps to be taken in accomplishing this conversion.

H. H. ARNOLD
General, U. S. Army
Commanding General,
Army Air Forces

Charlotte, N. C. (CNS)—This want ad ran in a newspaper here: "Will trade nylon hose for 12-gauge shotgun shells."

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G. I. Funny Man Set for Post Musical Revue; Has Long Experience

Scenes from the post musical revue "Hold Your Hat" to be presented 17 January will be spiced by a funny man by the name of Pvt Aubrey Hightower, to whom footlights are as familiar as your own backyard.

Pvt. Hightower, who is a character if there ever was one, has played bit parts for Universal and Paramount, did the Fox West Coast and T & D vaudville circuit for 14 years, and was seen in "It Happened One Night". His company introduced the famous "Man on the Flying Trapeze" number.

Another feature, according to producer Ritchie Watson, is a girls' trio, including Helen Poore, Jeanne Compton and Donna Mitchel.

Doing all the arrangements for the show is Sgt Tom Gohhen of the 33rd AAF Band.

Officers League Quiet As Group I On Leave

In the officers league all was quiet with all of Training Group 1 officers on leave. In a game Dec. 30, the Warhawks soundly trounced the Liberators by a 38-23 score, as Lt. Bowen swished 11 points through the hoop, and Lt. Gore with eight tallies was high for the losing team.

The league will take up as usual next week, with the Mustangs out in front.

In a practice game Lt. Walker's Thunderbolts edged a Chico Town Team, 36-30, after holding a 25-9 halftime advantage.

Lt. Anderson topped the officer five with 15 while Woodmansee had eight for the civilians.

The Cover . . .

Here we have the winning combination in Chico Army Air Field's enlisted men's basketball league. At right is Cpl. Bob Van Gundy, captain of the 97th Howard's Hotshots, talking things over with Sgt. Frank Gregory, manager. Currently the Hotshots are threatening to walk away with the championship.

Personnelities...

S/Sgt. Fred (Blackie) Keppner seems to have enjoyed at least part of his recent trip to Camp Abbott, Ore. . . . 1st Sgt. Anderson of the 78th seems to know how to toss a few basketballs around . . . he was shooting setups at the gym the other day like a young colt . . . Lieutenant Marvin A. Krenk, who used to be S/Sgt. Krenk, now is studying cryptography at Chanute Field, Ill., after completion of Officers Candidate School in Miami Beach . .. also there is Lt. Monsees, a former CAAF officer . . .

Another graduate of famed Texas A & M here at Chico Field is Captain John M. Hammonds, 26, who was graduated there with a mechanical engineering degree in 1940 . . . another officer with a similar name is 1st Lt. Rockwell Hammond of New York . . . among the other officers reporting here recently are 2nd Lts. Robert G. Hart of Altoona, Pa.; Garner G. Prest of Yarmouth, Me.; Earl M .Stewart Jr., of Reedley, Calif.; Preston H .Osborn of Aberdeen, Wash.; Captain John W. Baker Jr., and not the famed John W. Baker who kicked the field goal which beat Notre Dame by U. S. C. back in 1930; Captain Paul J. Birkofer of Ontario, Calif.; Second Lieutenant Ivan Inman, a weather officer, who was something of a sports figure at Atascadero, Calif., Union High School and Miramonte Junior College . . . he was a four sport man in high school and three in college . . . a new personnel adjutant is Lt. Alexander C. Lindsay of Detroit, who was a CP.A. in civilian life.

Another boy with real sports background is Aviation Cadet Frederick I. Shaffer Jr. of Salina, Kan. . . . at Hutchison High he won letters in basketball and track, and while in Hutchison J. C. and Kansas University, he branched out a little, adding footbal land swimming, to say nothing of debate . . . Cadet William Sproul was a Kansas City police investigator on the accident unit before entering the army . . . he also was with the Missouri National Guard for two years.

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Base Aircraft Maintenance Personnel Introduced

By SGT. RUST

The forgotten man, namely the Base Aircraft Maintenance Headquarters personnel, is about to ask for a spot in the Sun of the CAAF Flyer. In checking the literary ambitions among the greaseballs on the line, we find 00. So in order to find out if any ability exists, we are running this column for at least one issue.

In introducing the Headquarters group, we have Captain W. V. Cowan, "Skipper," Director of Aircraft Maintenance; 1st Lt. M. J. Mueller, Chief Engineering Officer; Lt .L. R. Johnston, Asst. Engineering and Personnel Officer .

Among the G. I.'s, we have M/Sgt. Levy bicycling up and down the line as Chief Tech. Inspector. S/Sgt. Williams is pulling out his remaining thatch of hair keeping the office on an even keel. Sgts. Paulson and Seibel take turns about being late at the dispatchers desk. Sgt. DeChenne, Cpl. Brush and Pfc. Deidrich all go to lunch at the same time from the "Time Section."

S/Sgts. Huebsch and Kenyon take turns about ordering Pfc. Benson around in the "Personnel Section," while Cpls. Fishstrom and Lee spend their spare moments arguing about who is in charge of the "Engine Change Department." S/Sgt. Macrae and Cpl. Whipple are the unsatisfactory reporters. The message center and Technical Order department is presided over by yours truly when Cpl. Bianchetto is on furlough or pass, which is most of the time.

Due to a limited allotment of space we are unable to introduce more of the personnel at this time but hope to keep the rest of CAAF informed on what goes on at B.A.M. and why—in future issues.

U. S. O. Formal 22 Jan.

There will be a USO formal dance in Memorial Hall, Saturday night, 22 January, at 8 p.m. The Wings of Swing will play, and there will be plenty of dancing partners on hand.

Army Emergency Relief Aids EM, Cadets, Officers

Going to be transferred? Do you have a leave or furlough? Or are you financially embarrassed because of unexpected circumstances? If you are, then you want to drop around and see Major Ben H. Winkelman, Army Emergency Relief Officer, at the Special Services Office.

He stated that there is an increase in activity in this important relief, which helps enlisted men, cadets and officers alike. Loans are made especially in case of necessity for emergency furloughs because of illness in the family, delay in allotment or other unexpected occurrences.

In a few cases here, Major Winkelman said, officers have taken advantage of the AER.

Most of the activity is in the loan department, and the rate of repayment has been satisfactory, showing that benefits have been such that soldiers are making prompt restitution.

Major Winkelman stated that out of approximately 175 loans, only a very few cases have been refused aid at Chico Field. This, he said, indicates that the average soldier doesn't ask for help unless he needs it.

"If a soldier needs help, we will see that he gets it," Major Winkelman stated.

NIGHT SCHOOL BEGINS CLASSES OPEN TO G. I.s

Registration at Chico High School, which is open without charge to military personnel, has begun and the signups may be made at the night school office. For further information, call at the post library of Special Service office.

Following is a list of subjects in which beginning classes are given: Arts and Crafts, Beginning Shorthand, Typing, Elements of Accounting, Orchestra, string, Effective English Usage, Community Players, Basic Mathematics, Drafting and Blueprint Reading; Radio, Woodshop and Cabinet Making, Machine Shop, For information about advanced classes, call at the night school. Classes begin at 7:30 P. M.

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78th Boys Plenty Happy Over Their Cage Team

BY J. HAINES

Now that the holiday season is over, I'm sure we all made a resolution to help continue to do our best in the Battle of Chico Field.

Things Never Expect To See:
Mike Williams loosing at black jack.
Joe Collins not in bed.
Bob Benson coming in sick again from town.
Robello in the shower room.
Lee spending a few hours in the day room.
Badtke in town.
Jim Byrnes bed not covered with clothes.
Fisher spending a quiet night in camp.
Steinlage without a means of transportation.
Bryant standing short on furloughs.
Dranich having enough points at the commissary.
Kelly spending a full day on the line.
Knoles having a day off and not going to Redding.

Our boys did it again Tuesday night. Our up and coming basketball team played a bang up game against the 52nd. It seems the boys are strictly last quarter but the boys put on a last burst of speed and good ball handling to win. My throat like all the other boys pulling for the 78th was rather sore from yelling. We would like to see more fellows out as I'm sure the team would appreciate the support. Our goal now is to take the 97th and with a little more practice we can do it. Coach Wilson has won four straight since he took over. He has a swell group of ball players. Bettincourt made some very nice setshots from near center. Bob Benson did a fine job of working the ball in under the hoop. Art Lewis and Hill did some fine foot work and was all over the floor. Gilbert and Snider were always in there and made quite a few under the basket. I'd say we have a good chance of taking the championship of the field. Due credit is given the boys of the 52nd as they all played a great game. It was a hard one to lose.

Cpls. Ferderer and Wallace were enjoying Saturday night at Durham with their wives. Until next week I'll say so long.

In Which Peter Returns to Literary Wars

Ward thinks he's found the "Dean of Women". Somethings amiss though- - He was in the phone booth so long Sat. that a few kind samaritans served him coffee and sandwiches between orations. When he finally emerged "booth bent and beaten" Edge Bellegarde asked how he felt. "O.K." replied our daring lover, "Except there always seems to be a Hays in front of my eyes."

"King Size" Young had another date. You can always tell the little man is booked when he puts on his elevator oxfords and leaves the barrack with that collapsible step ladder tucked under his arm.

I've just completed a perfectly superb treatise dealing with the enamoured heart. Has a lovely title too-"The Love Life of "Lippy" McManus or Pot Luck with Tommy Manville". His latest heart throb is now a Marine Pvt. Obviously, she prefers "Boot Camp" to Mac. Our hearts bled though, when he hung that service flag in his window. Poor guy.

"Chub" Sandagato and Frankie Gerome are undisputedly the two star supporters of the Q.M. quintet. "Chub" is the most tireless, persistent and unrelenting heckler on the sidelines. His incessant chant of caustic aspersions lends credence to the story that he formerly peddled peanuts at Ebbets Field.

Bill McFarlane and John Wesner are properly proud of there campaign hats. When they don these felt fedoras with chin stap secured they leave you with the impression that they were original members of Teddy Roosevelt's "Dirty 13th". Ii must be admitted that Mac has been in on a few mopping up operations. The "Pride of Pennsylvania" mopped our spacious mess hall from stem to stern not long ago

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Former CAAF Top Kick Decorated in Italy

Mrs. G .M. Eastham Jr., 129 W. 11th Ave., wife of Lt. Eastham, CAAF Personnel Adjutant, has received an interesting letter from her brother, Lt. Rex T. McCord, an infantry officer somewhere in the thick of the fight in Italy.

Lt. McCord wrote that everywhere the Americans are being welcomed by the natives and that the American flag is obviously a real emblem of freedom in that country.

He told of staying with one Italian family who did everything they could to make him comfortable, even to cleaning his shoes while he slept. Se said the small garden belonging to the family had been transformed into a cemetery—a whole company of German soldiers having been killed there. "This," the lieutenant wrote, "makes an interesting story I will tell you when this is all over."

The lieutenant ,who formerly was first sergeant of the old Ninth Hq Squadron here, was recently decorated, Mrs. Eastham said, and is sending his medals home to her. He has been fighting for some seven or eight months almost steadily and suggested that battling the Germans should soon make them such expert killers that they will be able to finish up the Japs in short order as soon as the nazis realize they are whipped.

Nine Leave for Cadets

The line, operations and aircraft dispatchers will be missing about nine good men pretty soon, when a group of G.I.s leave for Sheppard Field, Texas and aviation cadet training.

They include M/Sgt Willard Flockhart and Pvt. Lloyd Gates of the 78th, T/Sgt. Lawrence Roe, Sgt. Charles Bariani, Pvts. Elmer Brand and William Stowers of the 79th, and S/Sgts. Charles Babcock and Melvin Graves, and Sgt. Albert Schmitz of the 10th.

S-Sgt Adams Leaves for OCS

S/Sgt Stuart Adams of the 97th is the latest CAAF man to leave for AAF Administration Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach. At the end of four months he will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

G. I. QUIZ

1. Everyone knows the significance of Sarajevo in the last war . But how did Sarajev figure in last week's news?

2. The Pacific Charter would strip Japan of all territories gained since 1895. Can you give the years in which Japan acquired each of the following: Formosa, Korea, Truk, Manchuria, Wake?

3. It is said that Russia did not openly participate in the meeting at Cairo because she is not at war with Japan. Are all of the "Big Four" powers at war with Germany?

4. Of the "Big Four" statesmen, Franklin D. Rosevelt is President of the U. S. and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy. What official positions in their respective givernments do the other members of the "Big Four" hold?

5. The flags of two nations now fly over Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands. What were they and why?

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1. Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, was bombed for the first time in World War II.

2. Formosa, 1895; Korea, 1910; Truk, 1914—mandated to Japan by the Treaty of Versailles; Manchuria, 1931; Wake, December, 1941.

3. Yes.

4. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury and Minister of Defense. Chiang Kai-shek, President of the National Government of China and President of the Executive Yuan. Joseph Stalin, chairman of the Council of People's Commissars, and People's Commissar of Defense.

5. The American flag, indicating the presence of American troops, and the British flag because the Gilberts are legally British territory. —**Special Services Orientation**

CONTACT CHICO

Captain William McAdam was the special guest Thursday night on the Contact Chico Show .With the Wings of Swing background, Pfc. Sal Viscuso and Bob Krupp sang "Object of My Affections" and "Where Am I?"

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97th Makes Nice Start With Victory for '44

By CPL. WINN E. COE

1944 started off very nicely, and Howard's Hot Shots won it's initial basketball game of the year, Monday night, by trimming the 79th 39 to 12. The second team played half the game, sharing honors in scoring and defense with the first team. In our last contest of 1943, the Hot Shots won from the 52nd by a margin of 35 to 24. Not a bad way to end last year and a harbinger of contests to come this year. This makes a total of eleven games without a loss, eight of which were league games, two with officers teams and one with Chico State. At a meeting following Monday's game it was decided to have a non-playing manager and S/Sgt. E. M. Torrence was elected to the job.

If anyone in the Squadron would like to further his education on California weather, sign up for an early morning session on the rifle range. You might enjoy it, but I'll take my practice in upper 706, where the temperature is a little higher and certainly much drier.

There is some argument as to the beauty and style of the G.I. chapeau, but we are wearing them. If after a few months yours needs dry cleaning, step on it gently and sign a statement of charges for a new one.

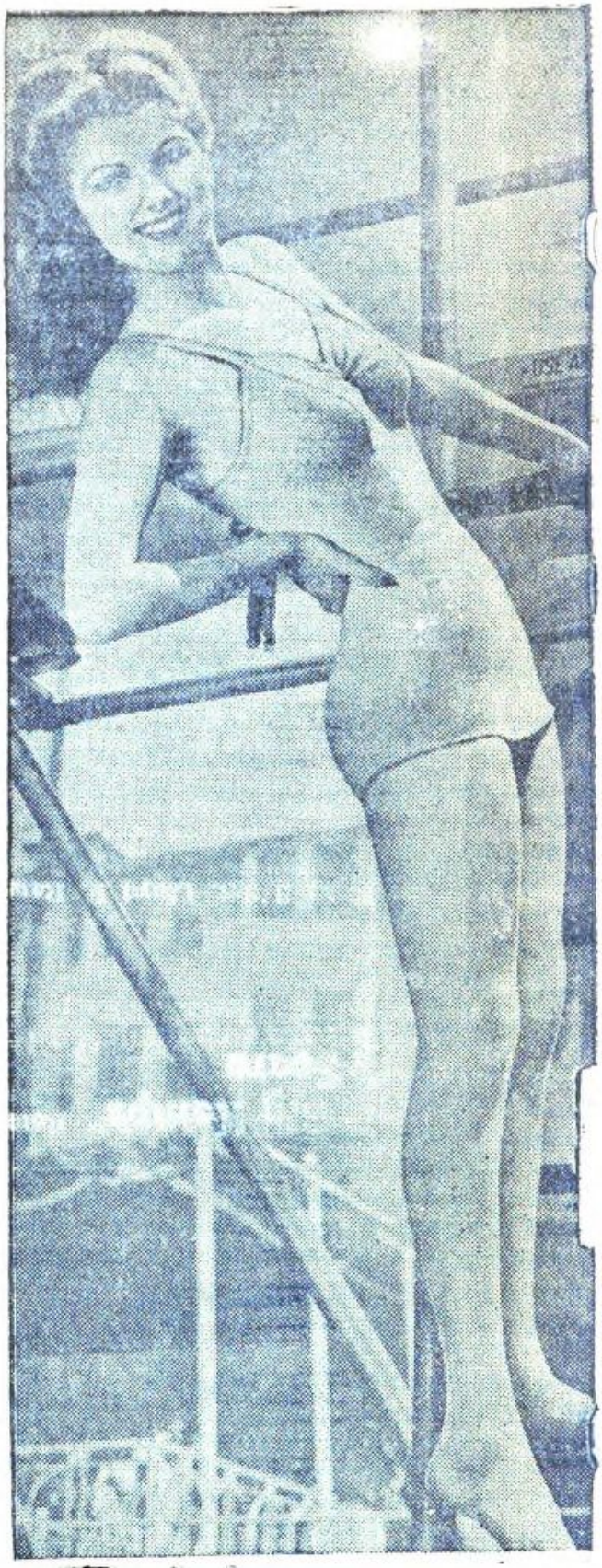
Cpl. K. R. Clark has on his best Louisiana smile, because Ken likes fried chicken and Ada is tops when it comes to that art. Ada is Mrs. K. R., and has just this week arrived in Chico, having sold their home in Klamath Falls, Oregon, to be with Ken.

Pfc. C. A. "Junior" Longfellow has been having the time of his life coaching T/Sgt. Graper on the use of the sling and various firing positions. Graper contends "Junior" is trying to tear his arm off before he goes on the range. Could be, but Longfellow insists the sling is too loose and cinches up Graper's arm a little tighter.

Here are the basketball statistics on Sgt. Frank E. Gregory. Height 5 feet 11 inches, weight 170 pounds, age 24. Born in Seattle, Wash. Played High School and City league.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE!

Pvt. Shanks leaving a basketball game to get in town. Cpl. "Three Pound" Bracken gaining weight. No wind blowing this week. "Gunner" Leseberg acting as payroll guard getting excited over safety lock on shotgun.



DOLORES MORAN

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Terrific Battle for Second in Hoop League

While Howard's Hotshots of the 97th sailed serenely ahead of the packin the Post basketball league, three teams were ganging up in a battle royal for the second place spot.

And the games this week, which finished the first round of play,were probably the most exciting affairs of the season.

In a real thriller Pvt A.J. Wilson's 78th five came through in the final quarter to edge out the Brown Bombers by one point. The score was 32-31, and the 52nd boys had held a 14-10 halftime margin. Ten points apiece by Bettencourt and Gilbert were the big factors in the victory.

For the Bombers was Center Parnell, also with ten. Cleon Henry, the league's leading scorer, was held to six.

And the Q.M.five came to life in an overtime period to tally four times and beat the Weather outfit in a hard tussle. With the score knotted at 32 all at the end of the regular period, King Size Young and Dick McGlennon each tossed a field bucket to send their team into a third place tie with the 78th.

Playing their usual style, the Hotshots walked all over the 79th by count of 39 to 12. It was the same old story - - - no individual stars, but teamwork aplenty for the Hotshots. Sgt. Frank Gregory had eight points, while Stanley Orkin of the losers was good for six.

CORPS O FENGINEERS

Harold Hobson, who startled us last week by cutting out paper dolls, has been even busier this week with a brand new set of blocks.

Our sympathies go to Cpl. and Mrs. Lichty, who were called to Los Angeles this week by the death of the former's brother.

George Jordan of the Carpenters shop will be able to come back to work in a couple of weeks. He was injured in the carpenters shop the 30th of December.

One thing of importance which Sgt. Morgan accomplished while on his furlough, was to learn the intricacies of Chess.

Bob Martin's extra pair of red flannels goes up for auction this week. So far, Norma Rubke has been the highest bidder, but Kay Broman has proved to be a close second.

Did you notice the beautiful sunrise
On the hill of the West Tuesday Morn?
In our office it brought a surprise,
For a brand new idea was born.
Ruth- -gazing out of the window,
Watching colorschange in the West
Said "It is so". she whispered it low
"I think California is bet"!
Minnesota before's been her theme
California's had no chance in the past.
A change of heart she has had, it may seem
We can only hope that it lasts.

STANDINGS

(Including Games of 4 January)

OFFICERS LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Mustangs	5	0	1.000
Thunderbolts	4	1	.800
Groundhogs	3	2	.600
Warhawks	2	3	.400
Liberators	1	4	.200
Vibrators	0	5	.000

ENLISTED MEN

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Hotshots	7	0	1.000
52nd	5	2	.714
78th	4	3	.571
Quartermaster	4	3	.571
Weather	3	4	.429
Tenth	2	4	.333
79th	2	4	.333

G. I.s Free at Basketball

Next time your outfit is playing basketball games involving college and CAAF outfits against Chico State College in the college gym, drop in and bring the misus. Its on the house.

Through arrangements made with Dr. A.J. Hamilton, president of the college, all enlisted personnel of CAAF and their wives will be admitted (the number being limited by the seating of the gym) to basketball games in which CAAF teams are playing with the Wildcats.

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Trainees Took Hint As Harmon Showed the Way

SANTA ANA, Calif.—When it happened to Lt. Tom Harmon the second time, the Army Air Forces trainees couldn't miss the point.

Once in South America, again in China, physical conditioning—the rugged "all out" kind that student pilots, bombardiers, navigators, gunners and technicians are getting throughout the AAF Training Commad's nationwide network of flying and technical schools—had pulled the former Michigan all-American through again. Many a trainee saw the lesson and took it to heart.

Forced to bail out of a bomber over Guiana last April, Lt. Harmon fought his way through jungles and swamps for a week, came out alive to fight again as a Lightning pilot in North Africa, then China. He said his physical condition had saved him.

Downed in a recent air attack on a Yangtze river port, on 30 Oct., he has turned up again.

His faith in peak physical condition had paid dividends again. The men who were his AAF physical training instructors say that as an aviation cadet and flier Lieutenant Harmon plunged with all his energy into the physical program. A headline gridiron career had given him strength and stamina, and it had also taught him the value of staying in top form.

Back in the summer of 1942, Lt. Harmon was a cadet in basic training at Gardner Field, Calif.

"His class in phyical training," reports Lt. Donald D. George, who directs physical training there, "included vigorous calisthenics, distance running, track and field events, swimmig, softball, basketball and touch football," and provided each trainee with the reserve of energy and stamina "above the immediate needs of routine flying training" which later would prove vital in combat action.

While he was at Oxnard, Calif., for his primary training, Cadet Harmon wrote a magazine article on the values of the Training Command's conditioning program. "He lived up to the words he wrote by keeping himself in peak physical condition at all times," said Lt. Richard E. LaFranchi, who was his physical training instructor at the post. "Had he not done this, the chances are that he would not have been with us today."

Ask T/Sgt. Paul Lathrop what happened at Williams Field, Ariz., where the flier took his advanced training. (Lt. Troutman of CAAF was his P. T. supervisor at that time also.)

"He knew from experience that in order to get anything out of a physical training program he must put something into it," says the sergeant, who was in charge of Cadet Harmon's class. The instructor remembers numerous occasions when the former footballer "asked to remain in the athletic area after his squadron had been dismissed, in order to do some cross-country running or distance swimming."

Physical training, as the AAF Training Command administers it, is designed to do more than just develop muscles. It prepares ground and air combat crewmen for the tough conditions of combat zones and makes them ready to drop a wrench and grab a gun if necessary.

Cadet Gets His Cake And Eats It Too, All on a Hunch . . .

Call it women's intuition if you wish - - - but Aviation Cadet David Luce had a birthday cake which would have gone abegging if it hadn't been for a sudden hunch.

Cadet Luce's father, a chamber of commerce secretary in Zion, Ill. asked the Chico Chamber to purchase a birthday cake for his son, which was done, and the gift was going to CAAF via the USO and the chaplain.

Repeated calls by Miss Barbara Zumwalt, chapel secretary, failed to locate the cadet. His class was on open post, and she finally was about to give it up when a group of cadets passed the chapel enroute to the main gate.

Acting on a hunch, she opened the door, called to them and inquired of the missing cadet. Cadet Luce answered that he indeed was the man she was looking for, and accepted the cake with pleasure.

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CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAY, 9 JANUARY 1944

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Confession 0700
Mass .....0800 and 1700
Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship 1030
Sermon: "Borrowing Trouble."
Special Music: Lt. Aron Rempel, baritone.
Communion will follow this service.
Vesper Service — A Service of Music 1545
Meditation: "America the Beautiful" & 2000
Dwight E. LaFollette, Chaplain

CONCERTS

The new schedule for Concerts in the Chapel is as follows:
Monday (Recording Concert) .....1700 to 1800
Tuesday (Organ Recital) .....2000 to 2100
Wednesday (Recording Concert) 2000 to 2100
Thursday (Recording Concert) ....1700 to 1800

'Under Cover' at Library

"Under Cover" is a directory of American fascist groups, their front organizations and transmission belts. It is also a "Who's Who" of demagogues, crackpots, patrioteering racketeers, and Axis agents.

For over four years, Mr. Carlson has investigated the Nazi underworld in this country. His explorations led him from waterfront saloons to Park Avenue salons, from Yorkville basements to the offices of United States Senators. He discovered that not all the Hitler stooges were unkempt Coughlinites and bull-necked Bundists. There were many suave scions of old American families who mouthed Goebbels' hymns of hate in faultless Harvardese. He found Hitler's puppets at work among Harlem Negroes, Detroit defense workers, Catholic clergymen, Roosevelt-hating publishers, isolationist Congressmen. The Nazi network penetrated all social strata from the hoi polloi to "polite society." To gain entree to the inner councils, the author joined shirt organizations, hawked Coughlin's gutter sheet, and published his own fascist "organ." He met most of the would-be Quislings of America and their financial angels: neurotic dowagers, innocent dupes, and the not-so-innocent votaries of Hitler.

Even after Pearl Harbor, these proselytes of the "New Order" continued their nefarious activities. Last year the F.B.I. cracked down on them. Some were rounded up, others fled, but many of them are still at large, crusading for the fuehrer. There are no sacred cows in Mr. Carlson's courageous report. It names names which will astonish the uninitiated. Single-handedly, he has done more to expose un-American activities than the entire Dies Committee.

AT POST THEATER

SATURDAY, 8 JANUARY

NO TIME FOR LOVE

Claudette Colbert, Fred Montgomery

SUNDAY and MONDAY

HIGHER AND HIGHER

Frank Sinatra, Michele Morgan

TUESDAY

CROSS OF LORRAINE

Pierre Aumont, Gene Kelly
Peter Lorre

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

AROUND THE WORLD

Kay Kyser, Joan Davis

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

GUNG HO

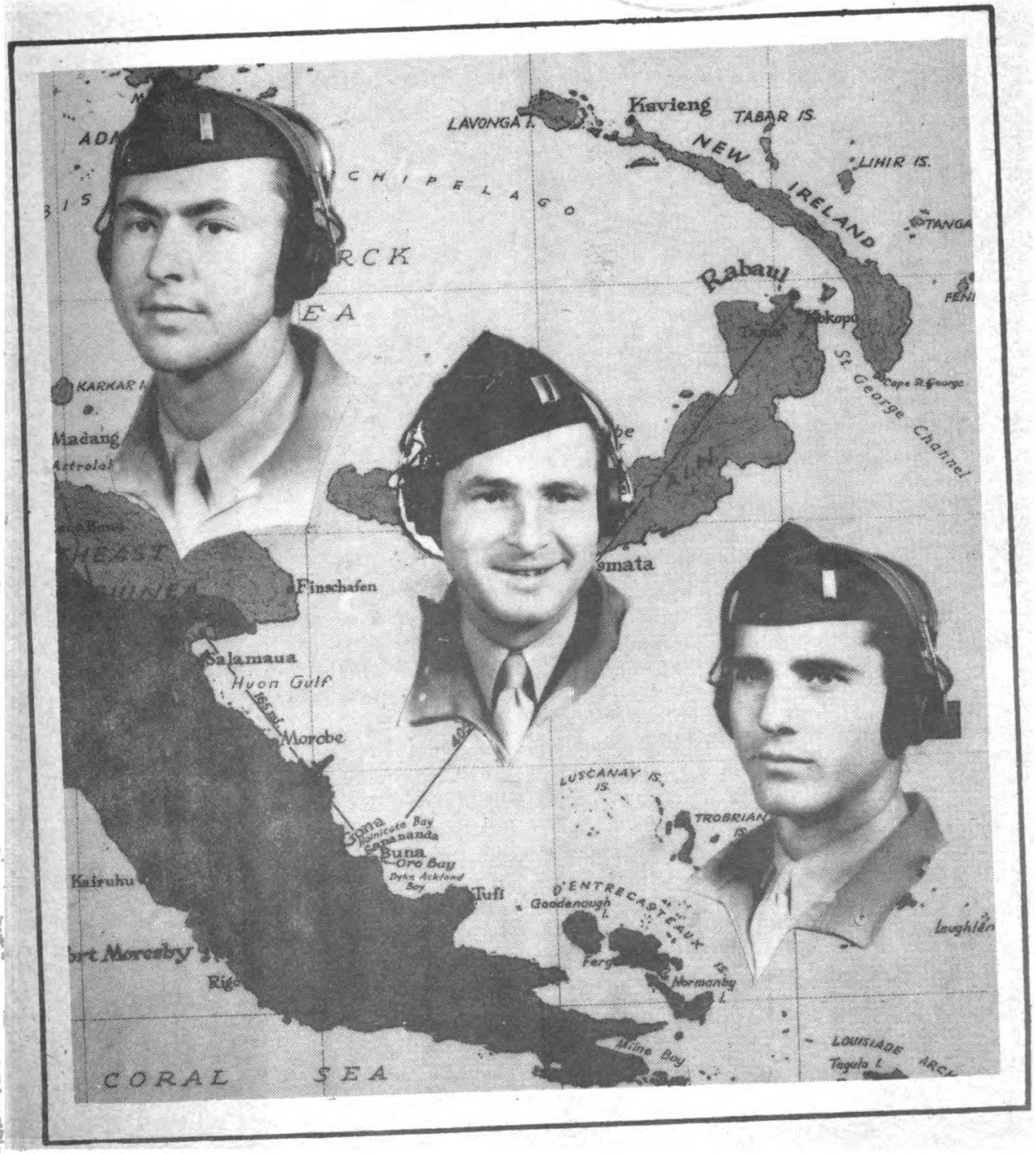
Randolph Scott, Grace McDonald,
Alan Curtis

March of Time

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IS YOUR LIFE WORTH A LITTLE PHYSICAL EFFORT?

Men of the Air Forces are apt to dismiss strenuous physical training activities as a waste of time because, as one local G.I. put it, "the Infantry is going to do the marching in this war."

Well, the men of the Air Forces may not do as much marching as other branches, but many of the men, particularly those stationed here, seem to have missed the point of the whole thing.

The average soldier, when merely going through the motions of physical training and not putting 100 per cent effort into it, is merely reducing his chances of survival.

A broad statement, but easy to prove.

We can start out by reminding most of our readers that they won't be in the United States forever. Many of us will go overseas, and many will get into actual combat.

And when you get there, there will be plenty of times when that added bit of conditioning—which one gets only by wholehearted effort—will get you out of a bad hole.

Take the case of a pair of brothers from Chico who are back in this country after escaping from the Nazis in occupied territory.

The brothers, 1st Lt. August Winter, a 8th Air Force Bombardier, and T/Sgt Leroy Winter, gunner in the group which raided Ploesti,both were athletes, and were in top condition as a result of AAF physical training schedules.

In their escapes, both endured privations and virtually lived off the land. Early exhaustion, brought on by poor physical condition, could have meant death or capture.

Think this over when you're taking your calisthenics next time. Don't loaf on the job.

Osseo, Minn. (CNS)—Nick Haep used to entertain friends by picking up a table with his teeth. But two men gave him such a terrible beating that his teeth have now lost their grip. So, deprived of his greatest social accomplishment, Haep has sued the pair for $5,000.

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"Hold Your Hat" In Gym Monday

Hold your hat, dogfaces, its show time at Chico Army Air Field Monday night at 2000 in the post gym.

"Hold Your Hat" is the first show of its kind to be offered at CAAF, for it not only has a full cast, excellent props and lighting, and good direction,but the kind of continuity which is assured only by a well written script.

There will be dancers, vocalists, trios, skits, and a musical background as only the Wings of Swing can offer.

The brains behind the production repose within the respective craniums of Pfc Ritchie Watson of the Band, Cpl Wilson Burtt of the Corps of Engineers, and Pvt Aubrey Hightower of the 78th. That said brains have been intensely active in the past several weeks can be attested to by the typists, actors, singers, musicians, carpenters, lighting experts and press agents who have been trying to find the three not busy.

Not only do they write, direct, and produce the show, but they also act. Pfc Watson being straight man, with Cpl Burtt, who has dramatic experience at the University of Southern California and M.G.M., and Pvt Hightower, a veteran in vaudville circuits,handling the comedy.

A trio composed of three personable and attractive gals, namely Helen Poore, Jean Compton and Donna Mitchel, will make with a variety of vocals, and Joan Craft of Chico, who really can dance, will do a couple of rythm taps.

Sgt Bill Farrell of the 10th and Miss Dolores Culver of Chico will carry on during the blackout (you ought to hear this one).

Handling the lighting will be a veteran of stage electricity, Cpl. Harold Hobson of the 10th, who formerly was electrical engineer for Radio-Keith-Orpheum circuit, and chief electrician for the Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center. Also, he was lighting expert for the Congress Theater.

The musical end is being handled by T Sgt. Carl Modell, who conducts the Wings of Swing, and Sgt. Tom Goheen and Pfc. Jud Cooper, who did all the arranging. Following the show, there will be dancing.

So "Hold Your Hat", and drop around for a really good production!

News Notes from the 97th

Captain Howard's Hot Shots won again Wednesday night, January 5th, from a picked team of cadets, by a score of 20 to 15. Friday night, January 7th the boys played a return game with Chico State College, and after a see-saw affair, lost their first game of the season in the last seven minutes of play by a score of 29 to 40. The third game with the college will be played at a date to be announced later. Major Howard's Hot Shots won from 52nd Thursday, 16 to 10, with the squad a little short of manpower due to furloughs. Did I say Major Howard? I certainly did and congratulations sir.

There are many familiar faces missing due to the transfer of personnel to Victorville for a few weeks. Arrangement have been made with the Flyer staff whereby copies will be shipped and distributed to all the boys.

Of interest to all G.I.s will be T/Sgt. Graper's solution to at least one week's evasion of the Physical Training program. Graper never takes P. T. until Thursday of each week, figuring that the war may end on a Wednesday, thereby beating the deal for once. Hope it works, and let's make it next Wednesday.

No chaffeur for the car that was to transport the basketball team to town the other night, resulted in a wild call through the barracks for a driver. Pvt. J. H. Pickerel volunteered for the job, but upon examination his driver's license revealed he was qualified only for herding a scooter. (The team finally got there.) Sgt. McMillan is attending scooter school this week and soon will have a driver's license, which should end all our driver difficulties.

Haven't been able to get the full story, but we understand the T/Sgt. Graper was the most conceited man in Gladys's Place the other night.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE!

Getting another shot in the arm. Warner talking quitely with the light off. Major Howard sitting down at the basketball games. Sgt. Rice staying on the field two nights in a row.

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O, Well, the Editor Was Plenty Befuddled, Too . . .

By Peter

FOREWORD: To those of you try to decipher the disconnected, unrelated sentences herein I offer no solace. I've always had the proclivity to be the repugnant type of person who befuddles people with words.

At any rate trying to glean a bit of meaning out of the following is good practice. You have to wrestle with Income Tax forms in March, you know.

Tommy Plettenberg, who holds the singular honor of being the only man in the outfit smaller in stature than "King Size" Young, doesn't seem to mind having the terra firma so close to his feet. Waxing voluble on the subject Shorty explained his diminutive size thusly, "I reckon Ma must of used too much shortenin in her cookin." Sounds plausible doesn't it?

"Banker" Liescheidt's melodious tenor is a bit sour of late. John explained his predicament with a few thousand well chosen words the esence of which I shall attempt to give you as painlessly as possible. "I used to have the flat and the key but now all I have is the flat" spake the "Banker". "What do you propose to do?" I queried. "I guess I'll have to break a window," came the unexpected reply.

"Cobbler" Schultz has the dubious honor of working with more heels than any other man on the Post. No wonder he's always humming a discordant strain of "Shoo Shoe Baby".

Jackson Ricer, Q. M. sage and wit, told the heart-rending plight of the bow-legged cowgirl at roundup time who had trouble getting her calves to-gether.

Murry, as observant as a sub commander, notes that since "Robbie" got his new choppers he's starting to click with the upper set. I hasten to add that the opinions voiced in this column do not necessarily reflect the views of the writer.

FLYER KILLED

Lieutenant Lawrence D. Lichty, who took his basic Aviation Cadet training at CAAF, was killed when the B-26 in which he was riding crashed during a routine flight at Del Rio, Texas, on January 2. He is the brother of Cpl. Albert Lishty of the local band.

Air WACs Essential Part Of U. S. Army Air Forces

8 December 1943

A recent trip to all air fields throughout the country brought home to me very forcibly a fact that has become increasingly apparent in recent months - - that members of the Women's Army Corps assigned to the Army Air Forces are an essential part of the AAF team.

I saw Air Wacs working in offices, Air Wacs working on the line, Air Wacs living and learning and doing a job just like other good soldiers in the AAF. I saw them wearing the uniform of their country, conducting themselves according to the oldest and proudest traditions, customs and courtesies of the service; taking their places beside their brothers to help keep the planes of the United States Army Air Forces flying and fighting. I believe I express the feeling of the officers and men of the AAF when I say to every Air Wac, "We are glad you are helping us! Keep up the good job you have begun!"

As you all know, the AAF has recently begun an extensive campaign to aid in WAC recruitment. This has been done because the AAF has seen what you can do, and needs more women like you to help to carry out the AAF mission. We are asking every man and woman in the AAF to help in this campaign. Each Air Wac can help materially by recruiting at least one other Air Wac. If you have a friend who you believe can qualify for enlistment in the WAC to serve with the AAF, I suggest that you write or talk to her about the satisfaction and the opportunities for service which life in the AAF provides.

In asking for your cooperation, let me remind you again that it is the record you have made which has convinced the AAF of the great value of Air Wacs, and which has brought about this campaign. Congratulations on your achievements - - and on those I know you will add to your record with every added day of service in the AAF.

BARNEY M. GILES,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Air Staff.

Davenport, Ia. (CNS)—Merle M. Hicks, 34-year-old father of seven, has been inducted into the Army as a volunteer.

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several CAAF doggies write home for first time Speech Classes Getting Real Results . .

Several Chico Field soldiers are getting that rare thrill which comes from being able to write home for the first time, and to read mail from home without aid of a friend.

They are members of the English Speech Improvement class which has been meeting twice weekly during the past three months under the direction of Professor Isa D. Reed of Chico State College, and Lt. Sidney I. Annis of the Special Services Office.

One of the men, a member of the 52nd from New Orleans, spoke excellent French but in order to get around in the army, found it necessary to learn English. He has been making good progress, said Lt. Annis.

Two instructors from Chico State College have been assisting in the teaching.

One soldier, Lt. Annis related, was able to write to his wife for the first time since he has been in the army. Previously, letters had to be read to him.

This Week's Cover . . .

The three officers superimposed on the map of the Southwest Pacific, are men who have been there, and for over a year each. Now they are learning to fly, and again they may return to thi part of the world. Next time, however, they will fly over the islands, instead of making their tough way through the jungles. They are, top, 1st Lt. Buell Little, of the infantry, who was in the New Hebrides, Captain Franklin Swann, of theQMC, who was supply officer for an Air Transport outfit operating out of Australia and New Caledoia, and lower is Lt. Jay O. Gray, of the cavalry, who saw service in Caledonia, Australia, New Guinea and Woodlark Island. He went through the Papuan campaign which was climaxed with the capture of Buna and Gona.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

(Enlisted Men)

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Hotshots	11	0	1.000
Quartermaster	7	3	.700
Bombers	5	4	.544
78th	5	4	.544
10th	3	4	.429
Weather	3	6	.333
79th	2	6	.250

Officers League suspended until training activities at Victorville allow continuation of games.

Army Institute Popular With Chico Field Men

Forty men from Chico Army Air Field had enrolled in the Army Institute at Madison, Wis., up until November, 1943, a statement by Special Services revealed this week.

On this number, four have completed the course, which can lead to college or high chool credit if desired, it was stated.

Lt. Sidney Annis, assistant special services officer, reported that eight more from this post had enrolled since the latest figures were obtained from Madison.

A variety of subjects of both high school and college level, as well as some business courses, are offered. For further information, the G.I. can get it at the Special Service Office.

Bomber Forward Still at Top of Scoring Ladder

Cpl Cleon Henry of the Brown Bombers still is high scorer in the post basketball league, with 92 points scored in nine games.

S/Sgt Johnny Murray of the Quartermaster has come up into second place with 60 markers in eight contests, leading Gilbert of the 78th with 56, Darnell of the 52nd with 49 and Meltzer of the Weather with 47.

In the quiet officers league Lt. Petteys still was tops.

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Personnelities...

Lt. Col Charles W. Thaxton, who left here as Major Thaxton, director of flying, about a year ago, is back as acting director of training . . . Lt . Col Thaxton, who came here from Pecos Army Air Field, is an old timer with this organization, having been at Moffett and CAAF when this field was activated. Captain Keipp up at the hospital is accepting congratulations and offering cigars in return . . . he is the proud father of a baby boy . . . an all-time low for the length of wedding trips was established at CAAF the other day when Aviation Cadet Eugene Smith of 44-D and Miss Yvonne DuFresne of Minneapolis were married at 1030 Saturday morning in the post chapel . . . the happy couple just had time to walk over to the PX, toast each other with milkshakes, and then the bridegroom had to get ready for the trip to Victorville . . . shortly after 1300 he was on his way . . . it looks like wedding bells for Master Sergeant Barney Tressell, chief of the engine change hangar, and Agnes Albrecht of Chico.

We don't know who was the author of this statement, but it sounds like T/Sgt Carl Modell: "A GI wants his coffee strong and his women weak, and both sweet and hot." . . . . remember Jack O'Brien, the little cartoonist who edited the Flyer for the first year of Chico Field's existence? Well, he's a tech sergeant now down at Santa Ana Army Air Base . . . . we have a little communication here from Sgt. Jimmie Allen, who, along with a lot of other CAAF fellows, is taking pre-cadet basic at Buckley Field, Colo . . . . he likes the field a lot, and reports that T/Sgt. Joe Decker is his barracks chief, and that right now they are drilling a lot of recruits who have been in the army just a week . . . . imagine that: just a week! Don't be too hard on 'em, fellows.

That little talk given by Sgt. R. S. (Inky) Watkins just previous to the 1500 Physical Training tests seemed to do more than a little good . . . . all of the boys expended a little effort and the results should show in the final scores.

Cpl Harold Solari, who used to be a warehouseman in the 909th Q.M. here and now at Deming, New Mexico, Army Air Field, dropped in for a visit last week . . . . he said that Deming was pretty rough, in fact so rough that when a man there applies for overseas service, he is considered a goldbricker.

NEXT USO-CAMP SHOW SET FOR 28 JANUARY

A perfect revue with girls, gags, music and magic, "Showing Off" will show off here at the Post Gymnusium on 28 January. This breezy show, packed with personality, was produced in Hollywood by the West Coast office of Uso-Camp Shows. Being a Camp Show revue it is presented to servicemen without admission charge.

"Showing Off" is the type of show that hits the applause jackpot. The California cast have plenty of propelling force and their swift specialties are bracketed with the best. The comedians have plenty on the ball. The dancers are truly amazing in smart routines and the singers have charm and vocal prowess. Clever magic with plenty of the surprise element gives the revue an accent in novelty.

Here is the Showing Off cast:

Morton & Ausley - Comedy and Emceeing.

Sylvia & Clemence - Two girls in knockabout comedy.

Harrison & Carroll - Man and woman dancing act.

3 Brain Sisters - Lock-alikes and "Solid Singers".

Minoka & Karl - Man and woman puppeteers.

Harry Davis - Pianist and musical conductor.

Cecil & Shirley - Roller skaters.

Spam Ain't Spam, Manufacturer Says!

Austin, Minn. (CNS)—Rising to the defense of their product, the Hormel company, manufacturers of Spam, has denied that any of the product has ever been sold to the U.S. Army.

"Since the war started, we have not sold a single can of Spam to the Army," the company stated. "The Quartermaster buys no Spam because the package size—12 ounces—is impractical."

The Hormel company insists that the product that soldiers call "Spam"—and other names—is really "luncheon meat."

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First Air WAC Signs Up at Chico Army Air Field



Here is Mrs. Margaret Streib of Clear Lake, Calif., the first Air WAC applicant to be recruited at Chico Army Air Field, signing up with Lt. Vesta M. Arnold, CAAF Air WAC recruiting officer. Mrs. Streib's husband is now serving oversea with the Air Force.

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WE ARE FIT, LATEST PFR TEST DISCLOSES

Fellows, those bone creaking and muscle searing calisthenics you've been getting for the past couple of months are getting results.

And the results are that CAAF soldiers are much more physically fit than they were three months ago. In fact, according to fitness tests taken up to Wednesday of this week, more than twice as fit.

In the last Physical Fitness Test taken in the Western Flying Training Command, Chico Field stood last with only 39 per cent of the men taking the test obtaining a satisfactory score. Up to Wednesday, about half the personnel here had taken the test, and 82 per cent of them have achieved satisfactory results.

And 1st Lt. F.L. Bartlett, athletic officer, was justifiably proud of the whole thing, and seesCAAF right up at the top of the list when the scores are turned in. But that isn't the important thing. The main item is that our men are in shape for anything which may turn up. And that could be most anything.

Cpl George Modell of the Band is currently the field's biggest chunk of man. He achieved a physical fitness rating of 93, which places him in a class with Charles Atlas, Bronko Nagurski and Gunder Haag. He did 115 situps, second in the field so far in that respect, 23 chins, topping the field, and negotiated the 300 yard shuttle run in 51 seconds.

T/Sgt Vic Widmer of the 10th, and Cul Bob Van Gundy of the 97th were the fastest men in the run, doing it in 47 seconds.

Cpl Van Gundy and Cpl L. Bracken of the 97th, had 120 situps to lead.

Second place manin the PFR was Sgt N.B. King of the 10th, who had 93 situps, 16 chins and did the run in 50 seconds. Third was Pvt Bob Krupp of the band, with 106 situps, 16 chins.

Second place man in the PFR was Sgt N. the band, with a PFR of 85. He had 106 situps, 16 chins and did the run in 43 seconds. Sgt N.B. King of the 10th, who had a PFR of 81, had 93 situps, 16 chins and 50 seconds. Cpl Van Gundy was fourth, with a PFR of 74. Fifth place man, S/Sgt R.J. Gorst of the 97th, had 40 situps, 20 chins and a 50.

After T/Sgt Widmer, five others did 48 seconds in the shuttle run. They included Pvt Krupp, Cpl Richard A. Jones and Cpl Edward Sorenson of the 10th, Cpl A. Soloman of the 79th and Pvt B.E. Swanson of the 78th.

Sad Sack Snackery Proving Success for Line Crews

Its colossal: It's stupendous! Why the Sad Sack Snackery, of course - - - a huge success from the day it opened. By the way, a juke box was installed the other day. So, drink your java and listen to your favorite tunes played by your favorite bandmaster.

Something new has been added . . . . a new clothing section has been installed in the main store, just as you enter through the east door. A much better arrangement we think, and we hope you agree with us.

For all ye soldiers who sleep late on Sundays, (are there any) the fountain is open from 0830 to 1200 on Sundays for coffee and doughnuts, and then reopens at 1330 for regular fountain items, and stay open till 2100. There is no change in the week day schedule.

Mr. Barnes, better known as Pat, says we must be sure to mention his barber shop. Since the Cadet Barber Shop has been closed, the shop in the Main Store has been expanded - - - and a super one it is too. The hours are from 0900 until 1800 daily, except Sundays, and they are prepared to serve all officers, cadets and enlisted men on the field.

SIX NEW MAJORS DON GOLD OAK LEAVES HERE

There were more than a few very pleased officers on the post this week as six new gold oak leaves were pinned on, and several twin bars, and new silver ones were in evidence.

Wearing major's insignia for the first time were Majors Fred J. Dimes, provost marshal; John J. Daly, civilian personnel officer; Malcolm S. Anderson, CO of Training Group II, Henry Howard II, CO of the 97th; Robert K. Curry, chief, Surgical Service. Jack A. Murphy, CO of Training Group I.

New captains include A.R. Buntjer, adjutant; George M. Eastham Jr., base personnel officer; Jesse G. Chilcoat Jr., instruments, Group II; James B. Fishburn, CO Squadron 15; Oscar B. O'Neill, CO Squadron 2, and John H. Saunders, Jr. CO of Squadron 5; and George K. Utley, CO, Squadron 4.

Two officers are wearing new silver bars of first lieutenant, includingHarris A. Stone, base communications officer; and Arthur G. Mountain, on temporary duty in personnel.

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Table Collapses, So Do Engineers' Relations

The excitement in the paint shop the other day was caused by the de-luxe diner which Carl Smith and Bill Austil took upon themselves to build for Mr. A.E. Cooper. Complete with everything including a finger bowl, it was the apple of their eye. Their pride new no bounds as they put the finishing touches on it, and a vase of flowers in the center. No question aboout it – – it was super.

Mr. Cooper came in, glanced at it nonchalontly, and in the same manner placed his meal on it with an air of confidence he was far from feeling. The table collapsed, as did the pride of the two conspirators. Any strained relationship between the three which may have been noted by any casual observer, may certainly be attributed to the above facts – – Which, needless to say, speak for themselves.

BRADLEY JAMES BATES, 9½ lb. son of Sgt. & Mrs. Harry Bates, promises to be the most outstanding model of the year. Making his debut the 5th of January, it was noted that at first he held a very great resemblance to his father – – but latest reports bring us the good news that he is gradually improving.

Pvt. Bernard Davis is a new addition to the Corps of Engineers. He is taking the place of Chuck Haily in the Stockroom. Chuck, by the way, has been transferred to operations.

We watch Thelma phone
With her French telephone
And marvel she's able to hear.
Her method's not known,
Our surprise we have shown,
For the mouth piece is held at her ear.

Inquiry reveals that Sgt. Morgan's ideal is Superman, while Wanda Beachell has a deep admiration for Miss Lace.

CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAY, 16 JANUARY 1944

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Confession	0700
Mass	0800
	& 1700

Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship 1030

Sermon: "That Hard Word."

Special Music:

Miss Edith Mae Chamberlain, Dramatic Soprano and members of the Presbyterian Church Choir.

Vesper Service 1545

repeated at 2000

Sermon: "We Too Want a World."

Dwight E. La Follette, Chaplain

AT POST THEATER

SATURDAY

GUNG HO

THE STORY OF

CARLSON'S RAIDERS

—with—

RANDOLPH SCOTT

GRACE MacDONALD

ALAN CURTIS

—also—

MARCH OF TIME

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SUNDAY AND MONDAY

CRY HAVOC

ALL FEMININE CAST

—with—

ANN SOTHERN . . .

. . . MARSHA HUNT

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NEED INTRODUCTION, GET PICTURE IN YANK!

FORT KNOX, KY.—A picture in YANK is the only introduction a girl needs to members of the Armed Forces.

T–5 Virginia Kilgore of the 1550th Service Unit, WAC Section, Fort Knox, Kentucky, accidently discovered the drawing



power of the soldier magazine when a picture of her was published in the November 13 edison of YANK, The Army Weekly.

Within a week of the publication mail call at the WAC Company became a chore for Virginia, and every day added to the pile of letters that arrived from soldiers all over the United States. Some came from old friends in the service, others from soldiers in hospitals, but most of them were just from "GI Joes" who liked the looks of the little Virginia girl who was shown baking a cake.

Several of them proposed, nearly all of them wanted a reply to their letters and they were unanimous in their enthusiasm for Virginia.

The mail from overseas has not yet started to arrive, but if the views of the soldiers in this country are in criterion, the "V" letters wil lbe equally enthusiastic.

Cpl. Kilgore is a native of St. Paul, Virginia, and when the picture was made by YANK photographer, was the baker for the WAC Section. Since that time she has been tranferred to the Special Service Office where she is working as a bookkeeper.

Cpl. Kilgore says that her new duties will prevent her from answering all the letters, but she is using most of her spare time now in replying to letters received from servicemen in hospitals.

G. I. QUIZ

1. Nationalist forces in land-locked Bolivia have been demanding an outlet to the Pacific. Can you name the two countries parts of which lie between Bolivia and the Pacific Ocean?

2. Truk, known as Japan's "Pearl Harbor" of Japan — and Tokyo. It is 2,870 miles from Rabaul to Tokyo, But how many miles from Rabaul to Truk?

3. True or false: The United Steates continues to recognize the Baltic states — Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia — as independent republics?

4. Would you say that munitions, food or petroleum led in the amount of tonnage shipped overseas during 1943 for the prosecution of the war?

1. Peru and Chile

2. 798 miles

3. True. The British, however, no longer recognize these Baltic states as independent republics.

4. Petroleum. Sixty-five per cent of the total tonnage of overseas shipping for procution of the war consisted of petroleum products.

SPECIAL SERVICES ORIENTATION PROGRAM

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Military Patients See First Run Movie Shows

American Red Cross 16mm ward movies and 35mm movies for hospital recreation buildings have played to and been enjoyed by a soldier patient audience of more than a million and a half at 89 military and naval installations in the Pacific area, of which the Chico Army Air Field station hospital is one, Mrs. Aileen C. Glenn assistant field director at this station stated this week.

Weekly showings in seven Western states average 7,600 and the Pacific area American Red Cross, operating on a non-competitive and non-profit basic, has become the third largest motion picture operator in the world. The Chico Army Air Field station hospital plays the latest Hollywood films before an average audience of 30 patients, the assistant field director disclosed.

This important part of the Red Cross recreation program for army and navy hospitals received its start in October, 1941, at Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Washington, where 440 patients were entertained with 35mm films. Since then Mrs. Glenn pointed out, the program has steadily expanded and 16mm ward films were inaugurated in the spring of 1942 for those servicemen in hospitals who were unable to attend the recreation building pictures, where the 35mm films were usually shown.

"Red Cross hospital movies have proved beneficial to the soldier patients, many of whom are recovering from wounds received in action," said Mrs. Glenn.

"Red Cross hospital workers in station and general hospitals served report that army and navy doctors are enthusiastic about the Red Cross Hospital Motion Picture Service." No able bodied service men see these movies.

March of Dimes . . .

A contribution to the March of Dimes, national fund for the fight against infantile paralysis, will be made on the basis of ten cents for each man on the field, and will be paid from the Welfare Fund, it was announced by Major Ben H. Winkelman, special services officer.

There also will be several voluntary subscription receptacles in which additional contributions can be made. These will be placed in the N.C.O. Club, Officers Club and Officers Mess.

BASE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

Continuing the introductions from last week we will start with "FLIGHT 1." Capt. J.W. Baker, skipper, and engineering officer M/Sgt. Williams, line chief, T/Sgt. Baker, ass't. line chief; T/Sgt.Slaughter and S/Sgt. Backman, flight chiefs. FLIGHT 2 - Lt. C.E. Franz, skipper, and engineering officer; T/Sgt. Thomas, line chief. Production Line Maintenance. - CWO R.W. Harvey, officer in charge, WOJG Rose, Ass't officer in charge. M/Sgt. Sluga, line chief; andT/Sgt. Butts and S/Sgt. Hayden asst line chiefs.

At Tech Supply we have WOJG Sergent, officer in charge, with S/Sgt. McArthur, N.C.O.; also S/Sgt. McGinley, in charge of the tool room. And while we are introducing we must not forget our two latest arrivals among the G.I.s of the line – namely Hugh Wade McGinley and Connie Lee Carter, both arrived on the 29 Dec. via the stork route; apparently the Stork is carrying double these days maybe due to gas rationing or something.

Seen or Heard on the Line This Week

M/Sgt. Levey, challenging all comers to a bycycle race, any distance, providing the said comers have no bycycle. . . . .Sgt.Hendrickson of the planning dept. says he needs help badly to keep him awake while planning. ****Cpl. Lee learns motorcycle riding on the parade ground, endangering the life and limb of all and sundry G.I.s ***Cpl. Biachetto, looking for a tech order on how to put chains on his car in the dark, pending his lady friend getting a flash light. ***Cpl. Gardzelewski standing with hands in pockets while talking to Sgt. Williams. ***Sgt. Dresser, of sub. inspection fame acting important in his new office. ***Sgt. Dechenne, taking a five in the T.O. Dept. before going to breakfast. ***Pfc Benson gone to hospital with minor ailment which we hope will become more minor soon. ***S/Sgt West, after arriving late to work spends 30 minutes marking coke bottles, anyway who wants to draw for cokes? Sgt. West was later in the day seen talking to Capt. Baker, with one hand in his pocket and the other scratching his head.

More next week we hope.

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Keep 'Em Rolling—A New Department Heard From; It's Motor Transportation

It appears that a certain select group of the 909th Q.M. often referred to as the so-called "400", has been receiving all of the publicity. We here across the street don't ive a darn, but a few feel slightly put out ecause the reporter of the other column pparently does have the desire (or could e say, lack of ambition) to step out of his way for news that really could be news. No, we are taking a thing away from you Peter, for the stuff (and it is just stuff) you write has all the outward appearances and characteristics of a journalistic column. So, Peter, sharpen your pencils and get out your pads for a feud is about to begin.

Now this column will not be devoted mainly to the activities of a few (as are some columns we read) but to the purpose and functions of the Motor Transportation department and to the personnel that make it such an efficient organization. As many know, the Motor Pool is headed by 2nd Lt. C. W. Ratliffe who is now sprouting gray hairs, from convoying a few of CAAF (Angels?) Cadets & G.I. to Victorville, Calif. His gold bars may turn to Silver before he returns.

Among the G.I.'s we have S/Sgt "Jake" Themann (truck master) who is now on furlough holding up the bars in Los Angles. The "Professors" of our Drivers' Training School are S/Sgt. Papez, Pfc. Wilbur and Mr. Steve Cofield. We're still waiting for the day they forget how to put a motor together after taking it apart for the benefit of their "students". S/Sgt. Collier (Colonel) still complaining about the weight he's putting on, when he is busy chewing on something he's busy trying to bulldoze the fellows in the 970th. Cpls. Baxter, Applegate, Ciannelli, Amend and Pfc. Sopher take turns at the Dispatchers desk and doling out aspirins to each other.

Due to a limited allotment of space we are unable to introduce more of our personnel at this time but hope to keep the rest of the CAAF informed on what goes on at the Motor Pool and why - - in future issues.

G. I. Jungle at Post Library —Yanks Were Toughest

"The jungle was tough and the Japs were toupher, but the Yanks were toughest of all". E.J. Kahn, Jr., author of Profiles and other pieces in The New Yorker, comes to this conclusion after his experiences as an infantryman in the New Guinea campaign. To read his book, which is written in a light style but is the product of adroit and pertinent reporting,is to see these Yanks at close range.

Some of the chapters were composed on the stage of a barnlike theatre in a South Australian army camp; some, in country once occupied mainly by wallabies, koala bears, and scorpions; some ,in muddy jungles.The New Guinea jungle had its bizarre points, but its outlandishness was tempered for the soldiers of the author's outfit by the fact that it was something the government had issued to them. In many small and intimate ways, it soon assumed some of the characteristics of any plot of ground on which the army pitches its tents. It was, in other words, a G.I. jungle.

This book does not discuss the strategy and tactics of the war. It does tell how it feels to cross from Australia to the New Guinea battle zone by plane transport, or to make a precarious journey up a tropical stream by native outrigger canoe; and what it's like to live and fight in an area half primitive, half modern; where heat lightning and ack-ack alternately brighten the night sky and where streams are shared by crocodiles idly splashing and engineers testing for bacteria.

His book is a human, and often humorous, account of what it feels like to be a soldier in action.

SIDNEY I. ANNIS
2nd Lt., A.C.
Library Officer

The Flyer Pin-Up Girl . . .

The gorgeous little creature on your right is Georgia Carroll, who has become a singing sensation for Kay Kyser's Band. As far as the Chico Field G.I. wolf is concerned, she's a sensation anywhere.

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Those Quartermasters Are At It Again

Latest developments in the CAAF enlisted men's basketball league included:

1. Emergence of the Quartermaster five as a threat to the high sailing Howard's Hotshots of the 97th.

2.Some hard luck on the part of several teams, particularly the up and coming 78th outfit, which lost most of its first string to Victorville.

While the Hotshots were riding along on their merry way knocking off the erstwhile second place Brown Bombers 16–10 in a low scoring tug of war, the Q.M. lads were racking up three victories.

They swamped the 79th 48–22, edged Weather 27–23, and slaughtered the weakened 78th outfit by 38–20.

In the other contest the 10th nosed out the Forecasters 21–19 in the closest one of the week. Bertino, King and Mafato each tallied six markers for the winners, while Kurtz had an equal number of points for the weather men.

Leaders in the sensational Q.M. string of victories were Johnny Murry and Dick McGlennon who tallied 27 and 25 points, respectively, in the three contests.

As was usual with the 97th victories, it was strictly a team decision, with the points being divided among the entire quintet. Cleon Henry again was high man for the 52nd outfit with five.

Tippery and Soloman of the 79th were the best scorers for their team, each making six. In the 78th front against the Q.M. Center Gilbert tallied 11 points on six field goals and three free throws. He had a chance for four others but missed.

As things stand now, the 97th is out in front by three and one half games, with the Q.M. second, and 52nd and 78th tied for third. The 10th, which still has four games to play, is in fourth.

PARTIALLY BLINDED CADET LANDS SAFELY UNDER TOWER ORDERS

Wednesday afternoon a BT-13 glided to a perfect three point landing on the mat at Chico Army Air Field, but the pilot had depended on the eyes of the control tower for his sight.

He was Cadet Robert D. Seale, of Taft, California, whose vision was suddenly affected while on the base leg of of a landing pattern. He reported his affliction to the tower just as Lt. Col Charles W. Thaxton, acting director of training was entering the room.

Col Thaxton, taking the microphone, assured Cadet Seale that, if his directions were followed a successful landing could be made. Cadet Seale circled the field while the landing mat was cleared, and then, following directions to the letter, set the craft down smoothly.

Hospital officials expressed the opinion **that the affliction would be of a temporary nature.**

Flyer Will Make Report On Victorville Group In All Future Issues

Because of the heavy work necessary in setting up at Victorville, news from our southern detachment at VAAF did not arrive in time for this issue. However, in future issued of the Flyer, there will be a full supply of news items from Chico Army Air Field men at the southern air field.

The detachment left Chico by convoy, train and aircraft over the past week end, with Major L. V. Call in command of the troops.

If you want your mail there rapidly address it:

Chico Army Air Field Detachment
Victorville Army Air Field
Victorville, California

The move was made because of the uncertainty of weather conditions in this area for the winter.

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Guys Like Us

(This editorial was printed in the first edition of the Flyer to be printed at CAAF. Because its lessons still apply , and because it was a fine opening thought for a new training field, it is being reprinted in the anniversary issue today)

By Pfc Lyle H. Tilford

The blood of Bataan and Corregidor will be smeared across the pages of history forever as the worst defeat and most gallant stand of any of America's wars.

The men who died on fever-ridden, Jap-infested Bataan and the men who fought on Corregidor Island until flesh and blood could no longer obey their will to battle, are America's fighting saints– –the men who sanctified the ground they held by proving that democracy produced, not a race of weaklings, but men who can take the best any enemy has to offer and never give up even after all hope of rescue is gone – – until literally overwhelmed.

They won the admiration and respect of the world, those tough Yanks in the foxholes of Bataan, and later on the shell-pounded isle of Corregidor. They agreed for themselves a large share of the glory that has been America's since Valley Forge. But they didn't quite qualify for Valhalla.

Valhalla is the final battleground for warriors the world over. Where battles are fought over and over and no one ever gets killed. Where all great warriors go, once they have fought their last earthly battel.

But these doughboys on Bataan and Corregidor weren't warriors. They weren't knights in khaki. They weren't Crusaders. Not these fellows.

They were Bud and Joe, who used to hang around the pool halls when the work at the factory was over, or who used to go to the big dance every Saturday night with the girls who lived down the block across the street.

They were John and Dick. Just guys. No shining armor, no fanfare. Just sun tan uniforms and a fighting grin. Guys who went when their way of living was threatened. Guys who loved life the way it was before all this mess. Guys who loved that life enough to die for it. Guys a lot like you and me.

Sure its easy to sit at a training base and wave an editorial flag. Maybe. . . But if we'd been there instead of here, we would have been just like Bud or Joe or Dick or John. And since we weren't there – –since it happens that our job is here helping training pilots – – the very least we can do is our very best.

Yeah, we sit around here at a training base; but we long to be over there when the going gets tough and another man could help. We feel the urge to battle, not as warriors for the fun of it, but as Bud and Joe, who didn't like the way some guys were disrupting their way of living.

Well, Bud and Joe are gone now. But they're not in Valhalla battling with professional soldiers. Still, there are a lot of soldiers where Bud and Joe are.

Soldiers like the Minute Men, and like the fellows who died at the Alamo. Just plain guys who liked to live where the living was good and who were willing to die to keep it that way.

Guys like us . . . . .

Royal Welcome

Some of the men transferred to Luke received a royal welcome in the "Lukomunique" that field's weekly paper. Here is the clipping from the 544th Squadron's column:

"WELCOME MEN

"The Squadron got a bunch of men the other day from Chico Army Air Field. Some of these lads have names that would do honor to any Notre Dame line-up. Names such as Tjarks, Luszczenski, Krempasky, and last. but not least, Szczechowicz. the led better known as Leo J. He's the fellow who plays that instrument that is a toss-up between a concertina and an accordian. It can be easily called a "stomach juke-box" because there isn't any song that you can name that Leo J. can't play. Polkas, classics, and when it comes to jive that kid is a strictly solid sender. Starick-ly — sol-id. (Note. To all the new men—it's all in fun, fellas, when you see your name in print.)"

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Post Hardball Team Is Organized

Chico Army Air Field will again have a post hard ball team, and from the looks of the turnout and the amount of interest shown, it should be much more successful than last year's.

First of all it will greatly strengthened by the addition of Cpl Charley Henson of the 10th, who has a full season with the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League behind him.

As a hard hitting and snappy fielding first sacker, and playing manager, Charley should do wonders for the nine.

The decision to field a post team was made at a meeting held this week in the post gym. Games with various other army posts in this vicinity will be sought, most of which probably wil ble played on Sundays. The hard ball team will not interfere with the CAAF Softbal League.

Snappy new uniforms and new equipment have been ordered, according to S/Sgt Del Harmon of the P.T. department, one of the enthusiasts.

Another addition to the team is Lt. Lynn Everson, an infielder, who is reputed to have had plenty of baseball experience.

Present at the meeting were:

Lt. Everson, Cpl Henson, Cpl Dick MacGlennon and Pvt Eddie Driscoll of the Q.M., Cpl Lee Gamble and Pvt John Englis hof the 52nd, T/Sgt Bennie Friedman and Cpl Bob Van Gundy of the 97th, S/Sgt Ernest Bettenson and Sgt James Bryant of the 78th, Cpl Jan Janeshek, and S/Sgt Si Simoni of the 79th, Cpl. Ced Holloday, Cpl. Charles Keller, Pfc Greg Gregory, Pfc Smith and Cpl Charles Honors of the Guard Squadron, and Sgt Bower sof Weather.

S/Sgt Harmon said that anyone interested should contact him at the P.T. Department, Ext., 243.

Topeka, Kans. (CNS) — A "Hug Social" was held here recently at a war bond rally. It cost 50 cents in stamps to hug anyone between the ages of 15 and 20, 25 cents from 20 to 30, $1 to hug another man's wife, bachelor girls two for a quarter and women lecturers free with a chromo thrown in.

Pride of Yankees at USO Tonight; Formal Follows

Scheduled for tonight at the USO is the usual buffet supper followed by the free movie, "Pride of the Yankees" with Gary Cooper and Teresa Wright at 7:30. And at nine o'clock in Memorial Hall is the Easter Formal, with dancing partners being provided by the USO.

On April 15, the show is "Tey Got Me Covered" with Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour at the usual time of 7:30.

At Your Post Theatres

SATURDAY, 8 APRIL

LET'S FACE IT

Bob Hope—Betty Hutton

SUNDAY & MONDAY

BUFFALO BILL

Joel McCrea—Maureen O'Hara

Paramount News No. 61

TUESDAY

The Falcon Out West

Tom Conway—Barbara Hale

—and—

JAMBOREE

Ruth Terry—Don Wilson

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Four Jills in a Jeep

Kay Francis—Carole Landis

Martha Rae—Mitzi Mayfair

FRIDAY

You Can't Ration Love

Betty Rhodes—Johnnie Johnston

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CAAF Celebrates Second Birthday; Completes Two Years of Pilot Training

Chico Army Air Field, which has passed into the jurisdiction of the Fourth Air Force has completed two years of successful basic pilot training.

During that period several thousands of pilots have taken their places with AAF combat crews throughout the globe. And they have won practically every decoration possible for the Air Forces to grant.

But the biggest transition of all has been in the physical appearance of the field itself.

When the advance echelon from the parent field, Moffett, arrived here in the first week of April, they found unpaved streets, few buildings completed, only outdoor field kitchens, to say nothing of one vast sea of mud.

It clung to clothing, shoes and to the tires of motor vehicles. It was nothing to see many cars sunk up to the axles. But under the direction of Col. John K. Nisseley, first commanding officer, soldier crews went to work remedying the situation.

Streets were paved, walks covered with gravel, areas were cleaned up, and buildings gradually added. And later, when the post had become a smooth-functioning organization and the training program well under way, the work of beautification was begun.

MANY LAWNS

Now each bulding is surrounded with well kept lawns and shrubbery.

Highlight of the post's history, next to the great number of competant pilots trained here, was the outstanding safety record compiled in the 17 months prior to December 1942.

At the air corps basic flying school, Moffett Field, and at Chico Field, there was not a single fatality charged to flying training. This great record brought a citation from Colonel S.R. Harris, of the AAF Office of Flying Safety.

A little later in the same year, Chico Field added another milestone to its war effort contributions when it became the first installation in the command to have 100 per cent of its military personnel participating in war bond purchases through the payroll deductions plan.

RAINY DAY

Although advance personnel arrived in Chico on a rainy day early in April, the first training flight was not made from this runway until April 29, 1942, and on May 23 the last elements left at Moffett arrived here. Moffett Field has since been taken over by the Navy as a lighter than air base.

Among the improvements added at CAAF since the activation of the field were the construction of a fine NCO Club, fitting out of a well equipped gymnasium, and inauguaration of an extensive athletic program.

During the two year period, the post has had three commanding officers.

Colonel Nissley, who also was C.O. at Moffett, was commanding officer until March 13, when he was succeeded by Col. George F. Hartman, who had been at Williams Field as director of training.

Col. Hartman in turn was succeeded by the present commanding officer, Colonel Gerald Hoyle, who had been at Marfa, Tex., Army Air Field. Col. Hoyle now has been transferred to Force takes over the operation of Chico Field.

Don't Forget "THE PAYOFF" Tuesday

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New PX Fountain Hours Are 0800 to 2100

Our new fountain hours are from 0800 to 00 daily, until further notice—to take care the after-theater crowd. Like that expreson "after-theater crowd." Sounds almost ke civilian life.

The PX has a guest—Lt. Alfred J. Barsch, a Ninth Service Command auditor. e's busily examining our books, while we ester him with questions.

Tropical worsted shirts and slacks now on le in the clothing section of the Main PX.

Two of the PX Fountain's favorite guests e Sgts. Hampton and Stewart of the Prost Marshal's office. We like to have them ere, but are quite content that they don't eturn the invitation.

Congratulations to Virginia Lawson of the X Fountain, and Lt. Fisher. The went and edded, and we wish them our best wishes.

Two Soldier Weddings Held in Post Chapel

Two soldier weddings took place last week in the post chapel, with Chaplain Dwight E. LaFollette officiating.

In a ceremony held 30 March, Miss Jean L. Graham of Detroit, Mich., became the bride of Aviation Cadet John E .Tarr of Highland Park, Mich. Attending them were Aviation Cadet and Mrs. Stanley I. Neese of CAAF.

On the following day Miss Mary Catherine Reid of Chico and Waterloo, Iowa, married Pvt. Albert R. Paul of the 10th, who hails from Fresno, Calif. They were attended by Irma Lee Hill of Chico and Sgt Ernest K. Gwinner of the 10th.

Cherry Blossom Time

And soon comes cherry blossom time,
Taruka San. Oh, sacred days of feast
And p i l g r i m a g e. Nagoya's seven shrines
Are waiting; the holy road to Fujiyama gleams
Where golden beetles weave your Emperor's
Footprints into prayer scrolls. And those
Imperial carp, most honorable of fishes,
Are dancing on their tails in hopes that he
Will grace their lotus poo lby spitting
Thus divinely—"Pit-tooo!" Oh, heavenly
Rapture! But you, Taruka San, make haste;
Go swiftly, little Jap. The sea is frothing.
The wind breathes hard—the cormorant is
Crying. Make haste, Taruka San, do not delay;
In Hamburg town the leaves fell off the trees
By June. Ten thousand Germans missed a Nazi
Festival at Bremen, because the streets caught fire;
And at Berlin, Taruka San, typhoon
And quaking earth cut short the linden's flowering.
The Nazi shrines at Munich, Kiel, and Munster
Are smoking dust. Their time was brief Taruka San;
And you, do hurry, please to look your last
Upon the cherry blossoms—token of the peace
You spurned, the friendship you betrayed. The worm
Is gnawing; flames are kindling fast—your cherries
May not ripen. Run, Taruka San, lest April
Find them stark. Go quickly, do not wait for May
This year, Taruka San, In May—who knows?
Run, run! We are so sorry, so sorry
That we must needs make ashes of the cherry trees—
And you, Taruka San.

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

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CAAF Civilian Employees Top Command in Suggestion Awards

Notch another achievement in the long list compiled by Chico Army Air Field!

Out of every six civilian employee suggestions accepted in the Western Flying Training Command, one has been from Chico Field.

These figures are for the period from 2 June, 1943, through 31 December, 1943. According to figures released by the AAF Training Command the Western Flying Training Command leads in percentage of accepted suggestions out of those submitted.

General H.H. Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Forces, has expressed real satisfaction on the relative showing of the Training Command's progress to date.

"You are to be congratulated for your achievement in establishing a standard worthy of the other commands and air forces to follow," he said.

At Chico field another precedent was set when Lillian E. King, sheet metal shop employee, became the first woman to have a suggestion accepted. She submitted a plan for a device to dispense and spread rubber cement used in attaching chafing strips.

Other suggestions accepted included:

Arthur Boggs, a vacuum dust-disposal unit; Douglas Moberley, pair of special tools; and Walter Pfeffer, device for scarfing wooden patches.

Three New Officers Assigned to Sub-Depot

Three CAAF officers have been assigned to the 19th Sub Depot this week.

They include Capt. Paul J. Birkofer, new maintenance officer who formerly was engineering officer at flifht 3; Capt. Oscar B. O'Neill, formerly CO of Training Sq. 2, who is assistant maintenance officer and test pilot; and Lt. Lloyd E. Williams, formerly supply and transportation officer for the 52nd. He is assistant supply officer at the Sub Depot.

Captain Birkofer and O'Neill both are veteran flyers, and Lt. Williams was an infantry enlisted man before going to AAF Officer Candidate School.

52nd Column

I'VE SEEN HERE!

BY PVT HARGRAVE

Something new has been added to the Flyer. And remember, fellows, there's a paper shortage . . . no Flyers in the waste-baskets.

Pfcs Gamble and Haynes are back on the post . . . been enjoying a furlough . . . .

Cpls West and Williams left recently. Furlough!

Pvt Whitmore left Sunday. Furlough!

What am I saying? Gotta cut out this furlough talk. Getting homesick.

Take a peep in the area around the 52nd. Its being policed in cadence. Really looks good.

Barracks Number Two (that's my roost) has been passing inspection every Saturday with flying colors. So lets give three cheers to the working men in the barracks for a change, and not the barracks leader.

Springtime again, my lads, and the girl-power shortage in Chico is dragging my morale through the proverbial rock bottom!

We have a pinup boy in Barracks Number Two – – Pvt Alvin Charleston. Every night he puts on a private beauty contest. Parading around in his underwear. If he resembles anything living or dead its not intended, but purely coincidental.

Didja hear the one about the certain large soldier being "busted" from a M.P. private to a dishwashing private – – second class. Tis true!

CARRY ON

Don't forget, "men of war," we have a date with a guy one hour a day for three days next week. Name? Mr. Careless Thinnix.

DRESS RIGHT, DRESS!

The well dressed soldier will wear this summer a brown ensemble consisting of . . . shirt and pants to match and chevrons (if you're lucky) on each sleeve of the shirt. Cotton socks and G.I. knobs will adorn the ground pads. A garrison cap sitting smartly on the knowledge box, tilting slightly over the right eye. And for a change in color, green folding money should grace the jeans.

See ya next Sadday.

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Palm Sunday to Easter at the Post Chapel

PROTESTANT

Palm Sunday 1015
Holy Communion Thursday at 1900
Good Friday 1300-1445
Seven fifteen minute services:
"The Seven words from the Cross"
Easter Sunday 1015

CATHOLIC

Palm Sunday ..... Mass at 0800
Easter Sunday ..... Mass at 0800
Confessions (Holy Saturday) 1300-1500

(Catholic Services in Chico at St. John the Baptist Church)
Blessing and distribution of Palms at 1030 Palm Sunday.
"Three Hours" on Good Friday from 1200-1500.
Evening services: Holy Thursday and Good Friday, at 1930.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF CHICO ARMY AIR FIELD:

You are part of a great crusade. A terrible necessity has forced a peace-loving people into war. Ruthless savagery has made war terrible. But millions are pleading for survival and deliverance. Events have proved the necessity of the total resources of our country. The cost in blood and treasure is already heavy.

You have been saddened by the suffering and sacrifice of those who led the way. You have not been discouraged. You must not be discouraged. You have the inspiration that has come from the heroism of those who have turned defeat to victory.

Holy Week and Easter remind you of the supreme in manhood. Look on Calvary and behold the calm courage and the sublime dignity of the Man of Sorrows. Witness the Resurrection and see a Conqueror, the gentlest, fairest and noblest. Let Him be your model. He too will be your friend. With Him you will have success, not the least in self-discipline and courage and mental balance. A Happy Easter then. It was good to have you with us for so many months. God be with you wherever you are. A happy landing back in the good old U. S. A.!

FATHER PATRICK CRONIN

Easter 1944

The longer the war goes on, the more do we feel the need of a strength greater than our own. The unending hardships, sufferings and loss of life burden our thoughts more and more, and threaten to crowd out completely our hopes of any lasting joy in the victory to come. We know we are fighting against a powerful malignant force which cannot be destroyed by bullets and bombs. In our helplessness we sink to our knees in prayer and from the depths of our heart comes the cry, "Lord, save us . . . we perish."

Thus does God, through the agonies of war, lead men to a knowledge of Himself and to a realization that if our spirit fails no worldly weapons can bring real victory and peace. Hand in hand with God's Son we go through Gethsemane. In Gethsemane we pause near a prostrate body and we learn the secret of all strength . . . "Father, not my will, but Thine be done." Then to the foot of Calvary where we stand with eyes fixed on a crucified figure. We move on to wait before a tomb closed and sealed. We wait . . . but not in vain. With the rising of the sun HE, the crucified, comes forth from the tomb.

We know that men who visit Gethsemane and Calvary and the Open Tomb are men who have no fear, who can endure all things, and who with Christ are sure of a final and glorious victory.

DWIGHT E. LA FOLLETTE
Post Chaplain

Member of First CAAF Class Awarded Cross

First Lieutenant Stanton N. Opdahl, of Minneapolis, Minn., a member of the first class of cadets to train at Chico Army Air Field, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for action with the Twelfth Air Force, operating out of northwest Africa.

Also awarded the DFC for operations with the same theater was Arthur B. Hilmo, of Everett, Wash., who trained at Moffett but who graduated from here with the first group. Major John Heninger, another Moffettt Field graduate, who hails from Logan, Utah, also received the DFC.

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97th News & Views

By Sgt Charles A. Helmer

The spotlight of the week in the 97th shines on the bivouac held deep in the wilds of Bidwell Park. Not being able to attend myself due to duties information was aquired from Sgt Charles Peterson . . . The men climbed aboard the trucks at the orderly room but after riding a short distance learned the rest of the journey was to be on foot. After getting out of the trucks and walking a short distance the next order of the day was a gas attack and simulated battle explosions . . . If you don't think liquid tear gas burns just ask Cpl Clark about it . . . The chow line was very popular because all of the men had aquired quite an appetite and the chow was plentiful as provided by cooks from the general mess. Beer and ginger cookies were enjoyed by the fellows after dinner . . Seen coming back for seconds on the beer were Sgt Hayes, Sgt Campbell, Cpl Burkhart, Cpl Ryser, Cpl Light and Pvt Blumenthal . . . Cpl Callamaras attempting the feat of wrassling any and all comers and I understand he is quite good at the art . . . Major Howard and Lt. Thurman enjoyed the day as much as any of the men according to all observations. After returning late in the afternoon all the men agreed that the bivouac was entertaining as well as educational and are looking forward to another one . . .

S/Sgt Sudbury, our chief clerk in the orderly room, is back to his second childhood. He reported on sick call the other morning and the medics promptly told him he had the mumps . . . Now Sud is wondering where he could have aquired those things . . .

Word was received the other day from one of the former members of the 97th, Pfc Leseberg. He used to be one of the members of our orderly room staff and we understand that he is getting along just swell with his new assignment.

Now enjoying a very much needed and hard earned furlough is First Sgt Bailey . . . He will really be able to take life easy for the next couple of weeks and probably get in a game of golf or two . . .

Sgt. Cox is quite a landscape artist these

78th Notes

By J.R. Haines

My apologies to the 78th boys for not having a column in the Flyer last week. A shortage of men and long hours . . . well you know how it is. May it never happen again.

Beer Baron Dubiel has a new heart throb at the PX. As yet I haven't seen her. I wonder what happened to Phyllis?

Pfc Reed seems to have found something in his sack the other morning . . .

Payday was very expensive for most fellows. One in particular. It seems S/Sgt [illegible] bush's altimeter was off and he hit the ground before he was ready. Result: a broken tooth.

I see where Sgt Hutchinson finally succeeded in getting a furloug after [illegible] teen months.

I wonder why Major Freeman didn't up on the stage at the USO– amp show other night. It seems that hypnotism w on officers better than on enlisted men.

I wasn't even April Fooled the first were you?

Wish one could get a furlough every six months like Cpl Lee. In the next war I'll get me an office job or in the day room.

This new army worries me. In the o'd army a private cut grass and pulled weeds. In this new army it takes a sergeant. How about it, Benny?

The squadron is concerned over the fact that 1st Sgt Anderson hasn't been seen with any of his lady friends in Chico since returning from furlough?

Also, we would like to meet Cpl Ungaretti's new girl friend, but it seems he particular to whom he introduces her. All we know is that her name sounds something like Bess.

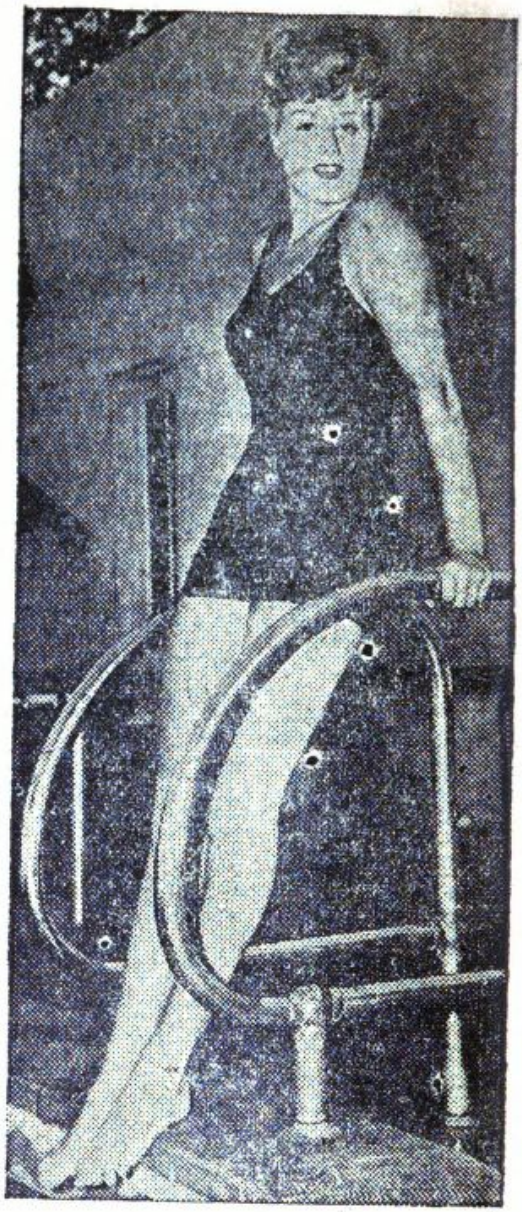
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days since he now has the job of keeping the squadron area spic and span . . . I still wonder when we will get oranges from the fruit trees recently planted?

Tis rumored that Sgt Morgal received five letters in one day . . . It just goes to show you that your fan mail doesn't drop off even though you are in the army . . . .

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§ Here we have the Flyer's new pinup section. At left is Paramounts Marie McDonald who is currently playing in an opus entitled "I Love a Soldier." That goes double, Marie! Center is the Foot-locker Queen, Shelly Winter of United Artists, and not bad either. And on our right —mmmm! It's Vicki Styles, who works for David O. Selznick, the lucky guy. Nice lighting effects, too.

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It's "The Payoff" Tuesday Night

Tuesday night at the Post Gym is the time and place for the big revue, "The Payoff." It's a 14-karat show packed with more gags and beautiful girls than any previous soldier show at Chico Field.

Producers Burtt, Hightower and Watson have been burning the midnight oil on rehearsals and sets so that this time it won't be all ad-libbed. With working day and night they all have four-day beards and this is only Saturday.

VOCAL DEPARTMENT

Holding up the vocal department are Jean Compton, Helen Poore, Bill Flynn, and Carl Hubbell. Singers Helen Poore and Jean Compton are familiar faces in the larger CAAF productions and will sing scorchy torch songs specially arranged by Jud Cooper and Tommie Goheen.

A newcomer who promises to bring a new and pleasing type of crooning is Bill Flynn of the 79th. When it comes to the Basin Street stuff none other than Carl Hubbell, in his own inimitable style, sings some new songs from the old back room.

Two very beautiful girls who have frequently refused opportunities in Hollywood will be on the stage in the flesh supporting gag men Burtt and Hightower. These girls, who rarely appear under their real names, are Donna Mitchell and Eldrith Grage.

CORN NUMBER

Reviving a "corn" number from a very successful run in New York, Hightower has teamed with Justine Blair, his partner in the old Balaban and Katz circuit.

Bill Farrell is master of ceremonies and will be principally occupied in throwing Burtt and Hightower off stage.

An outstanding unit in the show is the novelty number done by members of the band. It will appear exactly as originally performed by Glen Miller's boys in the Rainbow Room in New York.

Needless to say, the Wings of Swing are giving their all with some knock-out tunes.

LOVELY DANCER

At the time this paper went to press the very lovely dancer, Lois Orrell, was not positively sure of being released from a previously booked engagement with a professional band. However, everything is being done to keep her on the program.

Soldiers, wives, officers, and cadets and their wives are all cordially invited to attend.

A Big Week End; Post Review Held

Chico Field worked its spit 'n polish overtime, and strutted its stuff this morning in one of the final ceremonies before the post passes from the Western Flying Training Command to the Fourth Air Force.

Climax of two days of preparation and other military activities, a post review nd aerial show was given before Colonel Gerald Hoyle, commanding officer who soon will leave for Tonopah, Nev.

Several hundred civilians, guests of the commanding officer, also witnessed the snappy review. The aerial review following was under the direction of Lt. Col. Charles W. Thaxton.

Highlights were the presentation of 75 meritorious service awards to civilian employees for six months satisfactory service at this post, presentation of awards to cadets for military and athletic ability, and the announcement of an honor squadron picked the previous day.

The latter organization was selected on the basis of several inspections, including barracks, squadron areas, supply rooms and orderly rooms.

Other events both before the review and in the future included a Spring Formal Dance in the post gymnasium Thursday in conjunction with the Contact Chico radio broadcast, a cadet dance to be held Monday in Memorial Hall, and "The Payoff," a soldier variety show to be held Tuesday evening in the post gymnasium. Tonight there will be a party at the Officers Club.

Former 97th Orderly Room Clerk Writes

Pfc Henry J. Leseburg, former orderly room clerk in the 97th, who now is with an overseas processing squadron at Smyrna, Tenn., which he says is not the ideal life.

The city of Nashville is not far distant, but it is overrun with soldiers from the Second Army on maneuvers, and anything stronger than beer is virtually unobtainable. And there are no overnight passes.

Stamford, Conn. (CNS)—A worried father ran this ad in the local paper: "Johnny. All is forgiven. You're 1A. Come home."

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The 10th

By Sanford Sindell

This week marked a busy one indeed for the residents of elaborate 10th squadron area . . . Everyone was busily engaged in beautifying the barracks, grounds, and orderly room . . . Chanced to meet 1st Sgt Carlton Kuchinski t'other day, (he's the overlord and land owner), as he was going over the property and he was overjoyed with the excellent work done by the serfs working the soil . . . Our grass is as smooth as velvet and would do justice to any society golf links, in fact some of the uppity residents intend to construct a miniature golf course with luxurious deck chairs and awninged tables bordering the area . . . Have you noticed the black-top sidewalks and area behind the orderly room, yet? If you haven't you're missing a sight, after the former sidewalks. In case you don't know it, the engineers were responsible for this handiwork . . .

April Fool's Day proved o be a big event for Corporal and Mrs. Willie Caser. On Saturday, (April 1st) they became the proud parents of a five-pound, seven ounce baby boy, who was given the fancy monicker of Willis Jean (after pop and mom). When asked about the birth, Caster said, "It didn't surprise me a bit, as a matter of fact my son is really handsome - he looks just like me; have a coke, pal!"

Welcome to M/Sgt Michael Chyzinski, a newcomer to the 10th but an army veteran with 29 years of service o his credit.

Sgt Chyzinski holds the French Forragere for service in World War 1. He is working in the base mess and CAAF hhas the distinction of two thirty year men responsible for dishing up delectable dishes to satisfy G.I. palates.

Orchids to Sgt Horace Josiassen of Base Mess for the swell birthday cake you saw on the front cover. It also tasted good.

Keep 'Em Rolling

Last Saturday, being April Fool's Day, the gang got together to play a few pranks on some of the fellows of the Moor Pool. As it happened, the unfortunate victims were "Stoop" Dorsey and "Titanic" Grainger. To start with, Stoop was sent to the Quartermaster office for a can of "striped" paint. Unsuspecting, he was sent from one warehouse to another without success.

Poor Stoop trudged back to the Motor Pool only to discover to the amusement of the gang that he had been the first victim of April Fool's Day. At the same time, Titanic was asked to get a left handed wrench from the Ordnance Garage. After being sent to the Corps of Engineers, Grainger was all set to walk up to the Norh Hanger, when the gang could hold their laughter no longer. They were good sports and we were kept in good humor for the rest of the day.

What Pfc tried to horn in on another Pfc's girl by telling her he was married. (rotten trick, we think). S/Sgt Collier's disposition sour, someone must have stepped on his toes or could it be that he's disappoinnted in love???? S/Sgt "Jake" Themann in all his glory driving a certain red-head around town! (better keep out of D's kes way, Jake.) Sgt Quinlan bragging about his manliness.(????) Ruben having trouble with his store teeth. S/Sgt Van Housen's face red as he walked in one morning with a tall story. Barbara pining away because the mail man has been passing her by for the past week or so. S/Sgt Papez busy with his students and making eyes at Ernie. Cpl "Blubber" Hartsfield going home on furlough soon to get married. Pfcs Ward and Lee walking to Oroville to see their best gals. "Chubby" Sandigato always around and never missing a trick! Cpl "Maddog" McGlennen walking around as if he lost his best friend. Cpl Von Wald telling us the good and bad points about insurance.

Cadets Do 1700 Situps In Physical Fitness Award Competition

Aviation Cadet Eugene H. Harris of Squadron 12 has been chosen the cadet outstanding physically among the entire graduating class and ws presented with a special award at the review this morning.

He was chosen after a competition with Cadets Jack L. Schofield and Ernest H. Williams, who were tied for second place with 333.4 points. The winner had a margin of 50 points.

All three had physical fitness ratings of 95, and Cadets Harris annd Schohfield set a post record of 1700 sit ups, which is really phenominal. In addition Cadet Harris whizzed over the obstacle course in one minute and 53 seconds for a new post record.

Cadet Williams chinned himelf 32 times, and Cadet Harris did the 300 yard shuttle run in 45 seconds. Also Cadet Williams turned in an 880 yard run in 2:59 without track shoes and on a hard surface.

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79TH COLUMN

By DRY MARTINI

After a hard week of long tiring hours, we have gone back to our old schedule on the line. Both flights have done a grand job in keeping our planes flying. Regardless of our man power shortage, no gripes were heard from anyone. Personally I think our G. I. personnel deserve many thanks.

Easter Sunday; that is tomorrow, gang. Let's have a hundred per cent turnout for our Easter Services. Catholic Mass will be held at 0800. Protestant services will be at 1015. Here's wishing each and every one of you a Happy Easter.

The past week there has been a lot of chatter about baseball. Well, what are we waiting for? I'm sure Corporal Janeshek would be willing to start the ball rolling.

And so this week we have S/Sgt. Romeo (I'm sorry we don't have any, Butter-Ball) Simoni brushing up the Supply Area. Then the rains came and the whitewash departed.

Sergeant Carl (Curly Top) Albert entertaining the boys at operations with wild and wooly TALL stories . . .

Sergeant Toothless Northup becoming an aircraft mechanic.

Sergeant Jitter Bug Semanik cutting a mean rug at Moonlight Gardens.

Corporal Worry-Wart Loffler sweating out the bulletin board.

Letters have been pouring in from our former members of this squadron. All seem to have (G. I. talk) a swell deal. And why not? They're a swell bunch of fellows . . . WE'RE a swell too . . But! Oh well.

Until next week, 'bye-now.

. ENGINEERS .

Captain R. F. Rosenbach has arrived at CAAF to take over the duties of Post Engineer, relieving Captain L. E. Tyson who has received orders to transfer to Fort Douglas, Utah.

Captain Rosenbach's military career began two years ago in the Equipment Procurement Division in the office of the Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C. From there he was sent to the Deseret Chemical Warfare Depot at Tooele, Utah, where he was Post Engineer for 14 months. He was then transferred to Luke Field, Arizona, where he served six months prior to coming to Chico. His wife has come with him and will make her home in this locale.

Captain Tyson has been Post Engineer on this field for the past 16 months. He and Mrs. Tyson will leave in the near future for Fort Douglas, where he will report for duty in the Office of the Service Command Engineers. His many friends in Chico are reluctant to see him leave, but wish him the best of luck in his new assignment.

Was quite interesting to present Miss Billie Jo Martin with a bassinet in care of her father, Pfc. Charles Martin 1st Saturday. Miss Martin of course could not show her appreciation of the gift, but her daddy proved to be a good substitute — complete with surprise, self consciousness and expressions of thanks. Jeane and Norm's pride knew no bounds when they were asked by the assembled office force to demonstrate the merits of the bassinet.

It's surprising the number of people who accepted peppermint taffy on April Fool's Day. As long as the powdered alum held out, we had a wonderful time getting rid of the taffy.

Captain Tyson enjoyed awarding the war bond to Milon D. Howard of the Fire Department Saturday night. Chief Stuart came in for his share of the awards also but we haven't seen his medal appear on the post!

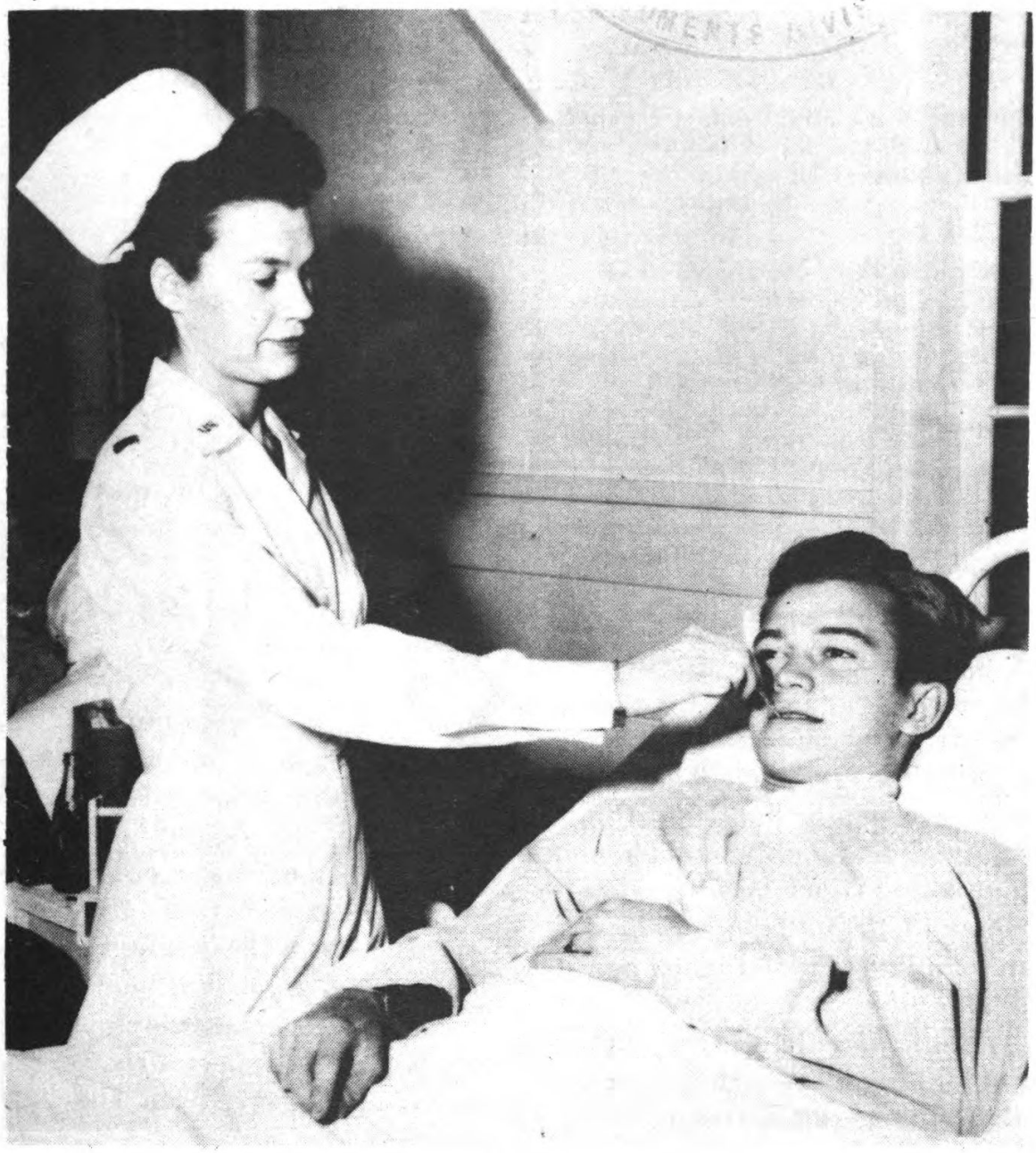
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YEAR OF RETRIBUTION

NINETEEN - FORTY - THREE will be noted in the grim story of war as the year that saw American air power come into its own. The German goose is cooked and the Jap monkey sees white-hot lightning in his jungle. The bomb blasts that our enemies sowed so wickedly in London and Pearl Harbor have grown into a whirlwind of horror turned against them.

Germany was still playing "Catch the Fox" in North Africa as last year began. At its close, that continent is freed of the Hun forever. Decent men may march from Egypt to Algiers untroubled by anything German except the stink of dead Nazis. the Mediterranean is an Allied Nations millpond; the short sea route to Russia and India has been secured; Mussolini's empire, with its founder, are old jokes in a morgue.

Last January the U-boat menace still hounded our strategists. Air power, both land-based and carrier-borne, went to the aid of convoy escorts. Today we plan an invasion across the Channel with certainty that Hitlers submarines cannot cut our lines of communication.

And what of that impregnable Hitlerite fortress itself? The AAF and the RAF have flooded its gutters with German blood. Hamburg . . . Hanover . . . Schweinfurt . . . Regensburg . . Bremen . . Kiel . . Berlin . . to all Germans the year nineteen forty three will be the year when leaves fell off the trees by mid-June and the stark bones of ruined cities marked November.

And to Japanese this year was equally ominous.

Defeat may strike the Germans first, but the Japs knows his day to die is marked on our bombing schedules. The hard fact of our superior air power, the shadow of our wings is the gloom of this earthly judgment day. Men of the AAF, fight on with good hearts in the coming year. Never had mortal man two such rogues to punish as these murder-nations. May thy bombs fly true, oh flyers, and thy red scourge flail with the rightous anger of heaven.

-From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

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HOW ABOUT A DATE, BABE? BUT IT TURNS OUT TO BE ANN SHERIDAN!

While two Motor Pool Wolves namely, Sgt "Quinine" Quinlan and Pfc "Texas" Sopher were loose in the city of Los Angeles, they sauntered up to a beauuu-ti-fool blond. When the little gal turned around, instead of the intended "How about a date, Babe", the two GIs stammered out with "Er - - er - - may we hhave yyyour autograph, - - - Ann Sheridan". (PS: They got it)

We are all waiting for the day we will see our old Professor, Sgt. "Hambone" Hamil back in his classroom lecturing to thoe GI's on nuts and bolts and everything else that belongs to that devise called an engine. At present, Sgt Hamil is in the Hammond General Hospital recuperating from injuries received in a convoy accident.

The QM "Superman" from the Motor Pool is none other than Cpl "Maddog McGlennon, who aside from inspecting tires is a superb basketball chump (champ) and baseball player. Pvt "Rollin" Rohleen is all adither and athither about his coming marriage next February. Who is the lucky (?) girl (?) Only yehudi knows ! ! !

One of "Dem Bums from Brooklyn", Pfc Parascondola, is returning to his old haunts to see Nancy (how it will feel to kiss the real thing, Paris, instead of her picture????) and the sights of the city. When asked what he intended to do while home, Paris merely stated that he no doubt would frequent the bars and do a bit of elbo-bending!! That is no mistake!!!!!

We have been wonddring why all GI drivers were scared off the road the other day. Rumor has it that a certain young lady was about to take a driver's test.

Army pay must be very good for Cpl "Blubber" of the 970th. He's able to support two girl friends - - one in Detroit, the other in Sacramento. We don't want to be around when either one of the young ladies discovers his infidelity.

If a certain Pfc now in the hospital knew how much he was missed by a certain young lady, he'd no doubt be back to work to-morrow. (How about it George??)

Wonder why Peter looks so dejected. Could it be that our challenge is getting him down?

Victorville Group Sweats Out Return

VAAF, Victorville, Calif. — Victorville Army Air Field calling Chico Field . . . How do I read . . . Roger.

Greetings from Victorville to the very fortunate of Chico. If I can keep the sand out of my eyes, I'll try to give out with a little news of our desert resort. I'm sure you want to know how we like it here. Its not so bad but we are all ready to come back to Chico.

The field as a whole is very nice with plenty of recreational facilities. We have a very nice tap room - - much larger than Dubiel's Tavern.

And yes! There are plenty of Air WACS; they like the field.

The men on the line are working very hard, sometimes as much as fourteen hours a days, and those stationed at the auxilary fields are eating out of mess kits. (Just like the first days at CAAF) The meals aren't so bad, although we never see butter, but they are prepared very well.

As for scenery here, it is very beautiful, but there isn't any comparison to Chico, and the town Victorville is very small.

We have recommended ourselves for the distinguished service ribbon, and if we stay here much longer some will be eligible for the Purple Heart. In fact, last Saturday night Pvt. Gilbertson was hit on the nose by a stop sign while waiting for the bus in town.

1st Sgt. McCormack has established a very nice orderly room . . . . some of the boys have tried the new below the border drink if you have never tried Tequila, take heed from one who knows and stay away from it Pvt. Nordmyer had a thrilling experience coming down . . . . ask him why he sat on a newspaper on the aisle of the bus . . . . a it seems that a WAC sergeant pulled her rank on Pvt. Faulkner the other day . . . yours truly won a phone call home at the USO in Victorville last Saturday . . . incidentally, the USO here is a very nice spot.

Hope to have more news for you next week. We have been very busy and I haven't been able to contact many people as yet, so until then, so long from the CAAF detachment at Victorville.

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BASE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE...

Capt. W. V. Cowan, Director of Maintenance, just returned from an extended Cross country trip to some of the fields in the South and what have you, and during an impromtu interview gave us some very interesting food for thought, Namely Snow, sandstorms, mud, overcrowded conditions of small communities and camp facilities—just some of the things that we don't have to contend with here. The Capt. says Chico Field looks like a garden spot to him, and as for turning out Cadets he informs us that we rank first with the best of them.

With half of our Group gone to Victorville, we can still darken the air with planes during the Morning and Noon take offs. The number of hours flown daily with reduced Line and Maintenance Personnel would have been considered impossible a year ago, - Of Course it does mean no time off and every Officer and G.I. on the job eight to twelve hours a day, But we are turning out Flyers by the ream, and should be glad that we are not at some other Field.

S/Sgt. West, Collecting milk bottles . . . Pfc. Benson getting out of the Hospital looking weak but determined. M/Sgt. Williams leaving for parts unknown, "With Smug Grin". Lt. Franz rushing into Message Center for mail that ain't . . .WASP'S Young & Clewis, mailing more letters than any one on the Line. Sgt. Sweet of Repl. Hangar getting eyes used to working days. S/Sgt. West and Miss Margaret Rust, running neck and neck in the March of Dimes, Sgt. Davis of Sub. Inspection, under foot at Tech. Order Dept. Cpl. Bianchetto, sitting around telling of Test Hop taken with Test Pilot WASP Clewis at the controls, Cpl Roberson acting boorish at Message Center. Cpl Whipple giving lessons on how to drive a Scooter without shiftlever or brakes. Pvt. Wiffletree asking if Platonic means some kind of Platoon drill. M/Sgt. Sluga, Top Kick of PLM, permitting S/Sgt. Rohner of Sheet Metal to sit on Office rail while telling of cute antics of Heir & hopeful.

NOTICE TO GREASEBALLS, if you hear, See or know something worth telling see Sgt. Rust. Message Center, and you'll be surprised.

G. I. QUIZ

1. Last week General Vatutin's Soviet forces had advanced to the old Polish frontier-nearly 800 miles from Stalingrad. Were they more or less than 800 miles from Berlin?

2. In a recent report General Arnold described the missions against Huls, Ploesti, Schweinfurt and Regensburg as "major air battles" rather than "raids." Can you give the industry which was the target in the case of each "air battle"?

3. The fliers of the Seventh Air Force who were "softening up" the atolls of Mili, Jaluit and Maloelop last week were flying over the group of islands known as the - - - - -. Fill in the blank.

4. The Chief of the British Imperial General Staff - Gen. Sir Alan Brooke - has been promoted to the rank of field marshal. Has the American Army ever had the rank of field marshal?

5. Is it true or false that Poland did not exist as an independent nation beteween the third partition in 1795 and the Treaty of Versailles in 1919?

1. Less than 800 miles. (They were approximately 600 miles from Berlin).

2. Huls, synthetic rubber works; Ploesti, oil refineries; Schweinfurt, ball-bearing plants; Regensburg, Messerschmitt factory.

3. The Marshalls.

4. No. A British full general wears a more elaborate design on his shoulder tab: a sword crossed with a baton, surmounted by a pip (gold ornament), and above these, a crown.

5. True. Poland lost her identity as a nation in 1795, and it was not restored until the Peace of Versailles.

—Special Services Orientation Program.

Henry Still Tops Scorers

Cpl Cleon Henry of the Brown Bombers clung to his scoring lead in the post basketball league, but added only three points to give him 95 for ten games. S/Sgt. Johnny Murry of the Q.M. kept at his heels with 70, and Pvt. Darnell of the Bombers had 66 for third. Sgt. Bill Meltzer of the Weather came up fast with 62. Gilbert of the 78th, who isn't here to defend his honors, remained at 56. High scorer in recent games was Cpl Ed Macaulay of Weather, who tallied 18 against the 78th.

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97th BIDS FAREWELL TO PFC. HENRY J. LESEBERG

By Cpl. Winn E. Coe

We were sorry to see Pfc Henry J. Leseberg leave Wednesday. Henry's linguistic ability will no doubt be of much service, altho we will al lmiss his fireworks on pay day here. Best of luck.

Sgt Forbes Scott brags he is the only instructor in the country that marches his class in formation, calls roll according to age, height rank and serial number. Very efficient, very touching, and the bunk, for Scott's class consists of one student in the person of Pfc "Jr." Longfellow.

T/Sgt Graper and T/Sgt Pfaendtner were making early morning calls and offering a piece of pie to the victims, if they showed any signs of becoming incensed.

Only one game of basketball to report this week. On Thursday, January 13, Major Howard's Hot Shots defeated the 78th by a score of 33 to 12. The Hot Shots are still without a loss to date.

Sgt Rice, Sgt Cox and Cpl Burkhardt have been doing a little weight lifting in the gym, using a bar bell as an exerciser. No one really realized how strong Rice was until 1st Sgt Joe Bailey let the news be told. It seems that Bailey and Rice were playing golf Sunday and the best drive Rice could hit was but a few yards long. In fact a four inch putt was his speed, but he was missing those regularly. On one six inch putt, which almost made the cup, Rice exclaimed, "See how strong I am?"

In other columns of this sheet will be found a complete review of the show put on in the gym Monday night. Suffice for us to say that it was good entertainment and well staged. Let's have more of them. A dance afterwards completed a fine evening.

1st Sgt Bailey lost an argument! Sgt Mark presented a three day pass release, asking Bailey, "What am I going to miss?" Sgt Bailey replied, "Nothing," and the argument was on. It was hard to believe a whole week could pass without missing at least one or two lectures.

Squadron response to the 4th War Loan has been more than gratifying, with a very small percentage still not contributing. It is hoped that by the time this appears in print we will be 100 per cent.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE!

No lectures this week. Pvt Shanks trying to look up page eight, paragraph five, in his pocket magazine. Sgt Cox calling Major Howard, Captain. Wilson, Vejraska and Stey wearing field jackets to town.

Fourth War Loan

Uncle Sam Needs Money From You, And You And You

Buying enough bonds, soldier?

Well, you may think you are, but during the Fourth War Loan, which is on now and lasts until 15 February, try to do a little extra, according to Lt. Harriet Orvis, in charge of the drive.

During 1943, personnel of this post purchased $76,750 worth of war bonds at the post finance office alone. All this was in addition to payroll deduction and purchases made at other agencies.

Good as this figure is, it must be augmented and now is the time to do it.

We all know why it is vitally necessary to purchase more war bonds. Even here at Chico Field we can see the vast expenditures necessary to keep the training program going. On the fronts, the maw of war is opening wider each day, and vast amounts of war material are pouring in each day.

If your payroll deduction is not up to your maximum effort, go to Room 2, post headquarters, or if an officer, to Officers Record Section, and increase it. If a civilian, go to your department head or the civilian personnel officer.

Our country needs 14 billion dollars during this period. The small bond purchasers must make up the largest portion; that means YOU.

Soldier Downs 12 Nazi Planes

England (CNS)–S/Sgt. Donald W. Crossley of Wellsburg, W. Va., Eighth Army Air Forces gunner, is the highest scoring aerial gunner in the European theatre with 12 German planes to his credit. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Oak Leaf Cluster.

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Quartermaster Column . . . A Reply to Motor Pool

By PETER

FOREWORD: Orchids to the Motor Pool for their first ambitious effort in the literary field.

Onions to the writer for if that erudite scholar with the psuedo Pegler pen wished to inculcate in me the desire to feud by flaunting his deleterious, pernicious gibberish in my direction then he has sorely failed and I leave him with his perverted cogitation. I would be an obtuse dolt to enter into a "Battle of Wits" when the opposition is so sorely unarmed.

Groucho Marx's jocuse pun, "I'd horsewhip you if I had a horse" was paralleled recently when John Wesner, tiring of Liescheidt's raucous babbling, confronted our moulting friend with this unqualified commitment, "I'd scalp you if you had any hair." Falling heir isn't so bad. That is if they dont' deduct too much for Inheritance Tax.

"Red" McManus appeared non-plussed while lamenting the fact that his current flame didn't have a phone. While seeking some feasible method to contact her that would obviate the time-honored custom of penning a letter some wiseacre suggested that he have her paged at the "Old Ladies' Home." That couldn't have been just the slightest intimtaion that Red has trouble getting a date, could it? All the chicks seem to wave at our carrot-topped friend but they crook their thumbs so funny when they do it.

West has gone south—Pfc. Clyde West and Pvt. Frank Ponzio have been transferred to Marana, Arizona. Clyde's scintillating performances at shortstop for "Robbie's Robbers" will be long remembered and missed. (All the time I'm thinking how nicely I can plug the gap.) No foolin', guys, the good wishes of the gang go with you.

GI Becomes Grandpapa at 38

Camp Stewart, Ga. (CNS)—Cpl. Paul Stuart Cole, 38, a cook, has something that no other corporal in this outfit possesses, a grandchild. Notified the other day that his daughter had just given birth to a baby, Cpl. Cole went right on boiling soup.

The Cover . . .

A trip through the station hospital the other day convinced us that we were missing some good photographic material in the Army Nurses Corps personnel here. In this week's issue you have the results. Front cover shows Lt. Inez Wallenius taking the temperature of Aviation Cadet Harold Parlow who is recovering from influenza. On page three of the new picture section is a scene from surgery, whereLt. Abra Koenig, right, is assisting Major Robert K. Curry in an operation. Lower photo is a moment of relaxation in nurses quarters, with Lts. Florence Pinto, Ann Fagerstrom and 1st Lt. Arline Zitterman, chief nurse, snatching a short rest. On the opposite page Lt. Doris J. Case doing a dressing. Sgt. Louis Freimuth of Ordnance is the patient.

On page 4 of the picture section is an interior view of the Sad Sack Snackery, coffee and donut emporium for line personnel. Behind the counter are Cpl Floyd Foster and Miss Virginia Lawson. Also, even if you don't like coffee or donuts, drop around and see their etchings some time. On the front of the insert is Miss Esther Williams, known as a favorite in Hollywood, the Aquacade, and in the armed forces. She also swims.

AT the POST THEATER

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THE LODGER

SUNDAY AND MONDAY
Ali Baba and 40 Thieves

TUESDAY
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and "ROOKIES IN BURMA"

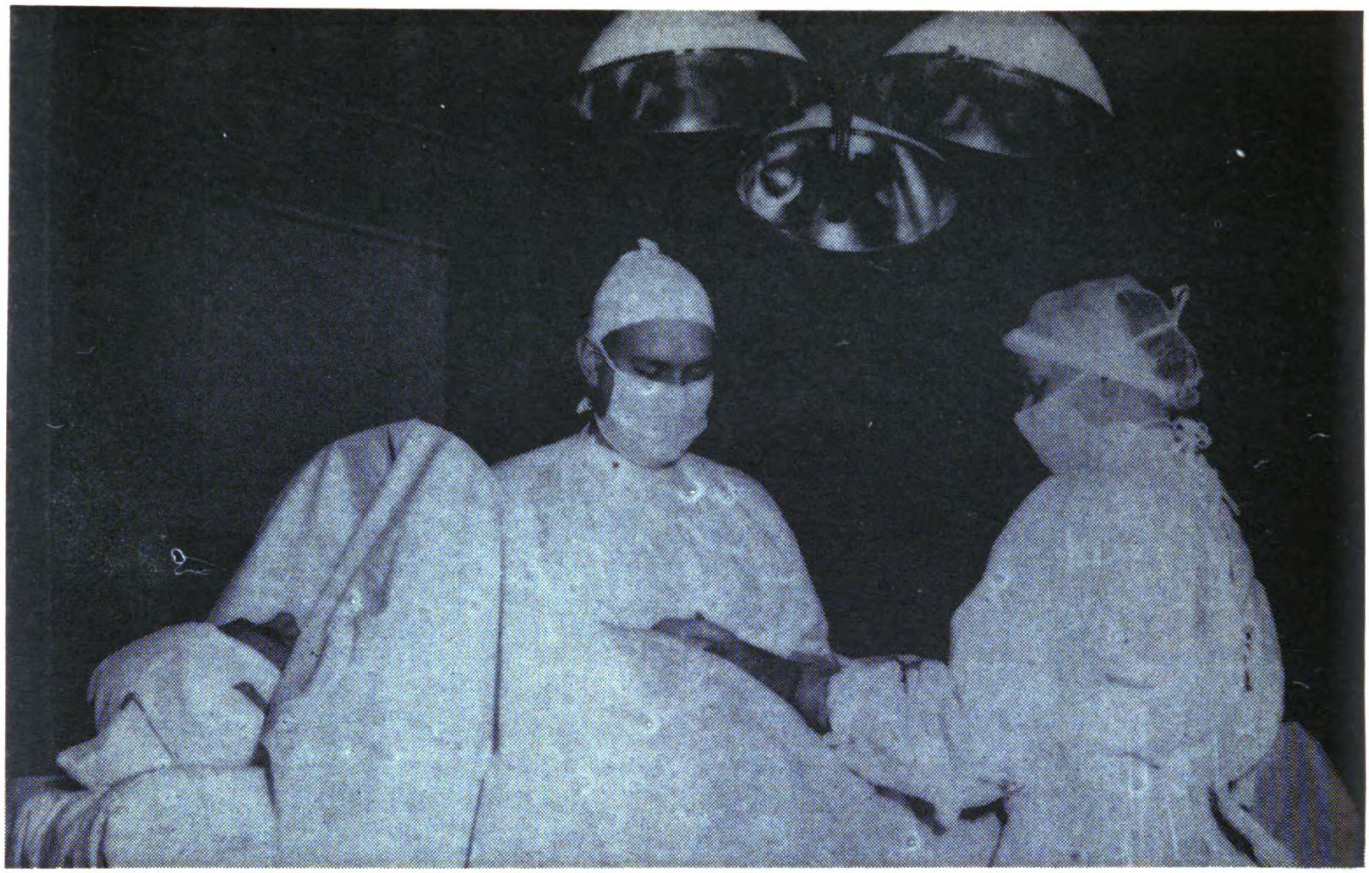
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
SONG OF RUSSIA

FRIDAY
MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S CREEK

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"SHOWING OFF" WILL PLAY AT POST GYM

The average G.I. doesn't like to see anyone showing off.

But we know of one set of characters who, "Showing Off" will delight any soldier audience. And that is the cast of the USO Camp show by the same name which will play at the post gymnasium Wednesday night at 2000.

The show not only has the usual variety of acts, dances and comedy, but features something different in puppet shows.

Done by the team of Minoka and Karl, the Petty Puppets feature a comedy tap team, an oriental dancer, fan dancer (??????) a ballerina, a swing hula and finally Esquire skating with one of the Petty girls, who are half life size. This act was held over at the Chez Paree inChicago for 26 weeks. We are told that it is really worth seeing.

In addition to this novelty act, the show includes Bob Harrison and Joan Carroll, novelty dancing team. Her advance notices report that her costumes are outstanding, but didn't tell in what way. Made us kinda curious.

The team of Morton and Ausley do comedy and song and dance specialties, while the Three Brian sisters make with jive tunes, and a little sweet stuff tossed in for good measure. They have been teamed with some of the nations top radio orchestras.

Two shapely femmes, Sylvia and Clemence, are in the groove with a knockabout acrobatic act, and that just about completes the bill. It should be one of the better shows.

Aviation Cadet and Iowa Girl Wed in Chapel

Married last Thursday in the post chapel were Miss Gloria Ann Bowers of Sioux City, Iowa, and Aviation Cadet Lester M. Porter of the same city. Chaplain Dwight E. LaFollette, of CAAF officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Central High School, Sioux City, while the bride groom attended Morning Side College in the same community.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Murray Tepper of New York City, residing temporarily in Chico, while her husband, Aviation Cadet Tepper was best man.

Officer Five Edges Camp Beale Quint

In one of the snappiest games ever played on the CAAF gym floor, an officer basketball team from this station defeated the Camp Beal post quintet 40–36 last Friday. Halftime score was 19–19.

Captain A.W. Buck, all around athlete who sparked the officer softball team last summer, was high man, with two field goals and the amazing total of eight free throws for 12 counters. Lts. Story, Hunt, L. Boyd and Jenkins also played well.

The lineup included Captain Buck, Lts. Story, Jenkins, S.M. Boyd, L. Boyd, Hunt and Wuennemann.

CPL. LYTIE HITS SCORING COLUMN FOR THE TENTH

Cpl. Lloyd Lytie, the 10th's hard working mail clerk and basketball player, reached the heights Tuesday night in the game against the Quartermasters . . . after an evening of futile shooting, Lloyd finally connected with a beauty accompanied by the cheers of the assembled multitude . . . . last summer when some of our disgruntled lads were busy shoveling . . . er, fertilizer around the orderly room, they said it couldn't be done. . . .but a close inspection of the area reveals that the Tenth has a swell set of lawns. . . . . for a while we didn't recognize that tall, well dressed civilian who plugged for war bonds at the show the other night, but a second look revealed that it was Sgt Farrell, of supply dressed up in his best civvie bib and tucker - - - all for play acting purposes, of course. . . . some of the lads were caught sort of short last week when the squadron had to pull a formal guard mount on a few minutes notice, but everyone did O.K. . . . . of course there were a few misfits in clothing and a couple of fast promotions as a result of borrowed blouses. . . . Cpl Rice suddenly appeared as a staff, and S/Sgt Chadwick was wearing a creation which looked like a G.I. zoot suit on his five foot frame . . . . old Barracks 612 (later 314) which most of the boys in the outfit have at one time or another called home, seems to have given up the ghost and now is inhabited by great quantities of ozone and a few insects.

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Weather Observers Needed For Training at CAAF

Need for applicants for observers in the Air Corps weather service was announced this week by 2nd Lt. Donald Gales, base weather officer. Upon completion of the training period, which will be taken right here at Chico Field, the observer will be made a corporal, and continue in weather work.

He listed the following requirement for application:

1. Have two years of high school mathematics.
2. General classification test score of 110 or better.
3. Have a good military record and excellent character.
4. Have a personal interview with the station weather officer.
5. Take several qualification tests.
6. Have NOT made application for OCS, avaition cadet or ASTP.
7. Not be in a key position where he could not be replaced.

All questions should be referred to the Base Weather Officer.

Bandsmen Do Most of Library Borrowing

Members of the 33rd AAF Band seem to be the best read outfit on the post, with a record of 50 per cent of its members being active book borrowers at the field library. Second honors go to the 97th, with 35 per cent of its men favoring reading to more strenuous recreation.

Taking the field as a whole, 20 per cent of the personnel are active borrowers.

USO FORMAL TO BE HELD AT CLUB

Tonights USO formal will be something special - - a United Nations dance - - and will be held in the USO Clubrooms at Fourth and Main Street instead of at Memorial Hall.

As usual, the Wings of Swing, under T/Sgt. Carl Modell will provide the music, and the Saturday night buffet supper will preceed the dance. Come and get it at 6:15.

The hall will be brightly decorated with the flags of the United Nations. Dancing partners will be provided by the sponsoring organization.

19th Sub Depot News

NOTES FROM THE 19th SUB DEPOT: In case no one remembers, it was a year ago January 8 that the 19th Sub Depot placed back in commission the first plane to be completely rebuilt here at CAAF. Col. Nissley gave the craft its test hop after ceremonies in front of the hangar.

Election of officers for the Welfare Association is coming up soon with cadidates as follows: Al Miles and Charlie Phillips, president; George Tipton and Jeanne Walker, vice president; L .Q. "Skeets" Stubbs, treasurer; and the following representatives: (four to be eelcted) Remy Bally, Herb Carper, Gladys Cook, Toody Cowger, Del Fransden, Al Levis, Alf Olson, Johnny Osterhaug, E. R. Russell, June Vindhurst and Freddy Watson from maintenance; Wilbur Meinberg and Wilma Thompon (one elected) from supply; and Chris Morse and Marjorie Parker (one elected) from headquarters.

THREE LINES OF BOWLING——ONE HOUR OF P. T.!

The Physical Training Department will give credit in Physical Training at the rate of one hour's credit each week for three lines of bowling at the Post Bowling Alleys.

The alleys of CAAF are regarded by many as the best in Northern California. The rate of play is 15c per line with bowling shoes furnished at no extra cost. The alleys are open from 1100 until 2230 daily, except Sunday.

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Both Leaders Win In Post Basketball League

This week's games in the post basketball league saw both leaders, the Howard's Hotshots of the 97th, and Quartermasters, both winning their games, and the Brown Bombers, in third place, drop a notch.

Paced by Frank Smith with ten points, the Hotshots smothered the crippled 78th 31-10, and the Q.M. lads, with Murry topping the scorers, walloped the Tenth 37-18. Sgt. Bill Bertino, the losers' steadiest palyer, marked up eight points for himself.

However, the Kuchinski men kept in the running by winning over the 79th by forfeit. In justice to both the 78th and 79th, many of the regulars of both teams now are in Victorville and as a sporting gesture, both fives are attempting to play their games on schedule.

In a real close, low scoring game, the Weather outfit, strengthened by Ed Macaulay and George Modell of the old Finance team, defeated the Bombers by a single point. High scorer of the 15-14 game was forward Bill Meltzer of Weather with five.

But the Bombers came back in a close well played contest to defeat the 79th 29-23 Tuesday night as Pvt Darneal, palying center for the winners, bucketed 13 points. Sgt. Leroy Tippery, guard for the 79th, was good for five field goals.

In the other Tuesday night game, the Weather outfit took the measure of the 78th by 36-5. In this contest Center Ed Macaulay of the Weathermen got hotter than the ramp on a summer afternoon and tanked nine field goals for 18 points. His high scoring running mate, Bill Meltzer, was good for ten. Cox and Fontenot were the only losers to make field goal.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

(Including 18 January games)

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Hotshots	11	0	1.000
Quartermaster	8	3	.727
Bombers	6	5	.555
78th	5	6	.454
Weather	5	6	.454
10th	4	5	.444
79th	2	8	.200

Evansville, Ind. (CNS)–A 130 pound man was arrested here recently on a charge of stealing an 800 pound piano.

S-Sgt. Buikema Sweating Out Son and Heir . . .

S/Sgt. Buikema, the father to be, is still sweating. His question is "To be a boy or not to be".

New civilian girls working in headquarters Mrs. Larson of the Statistical Department, Mrs. McConnell of Budget and Fiscal, replacing Mrs. Owens who has gone back to Kansas, and Mrs. Cummings of Public Relations who replaced Mrs. Smith.

M–Sgt. & Mrs. Summers are still going strong with their bowling. Lorene hit 221 last week and Ray is doing his darndest to beat her.

S/Sgt. Sherback has gone to Administrative Inspector's School in Florida, not a bad place to be especially in Winter.

A letter was received by Lt. Johnson from his former Sergeant, now Lt. Olson, telling us of his experiences at OCS. He sends his regards to everyone he knew.

Letters were received by different individuals of Hq from Sgts. Mortensen and Neilson who are station somewhere in England. Both wrote very interesting letters and all who knew them were certainly happy to hear that they are OK.

Sgt. Slavens is now on his way to foreign duty. A farewell party was given for him by Lt. & Mrs. Johnson.

Every girl working in Headquarters has contributed to the March of Dimes.

CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAY, 23 JANUARY 1944

Roman Catholic

Confession at 0700; Masses at 0800, 1740.
Father Patrick J. Cronin

Protestant

Morning Worship at 1030. Sermon: "Living During Emergencies." Special music by Mis Alberta Potter, violinist.

Vesper Service at 1630.

Dwight E. LaFollette, Chaplain

CONCERTS

The new schedule for Concerts in the Chapel is as follows:

Tuesday evening (Organ Recital) 2000
Wednesday evening (Recorded Concert) 2000

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Odds and Ends from 79th

The 79th B. F. T. Sqdn., is still represented on the field and this column is to offer proof of such.

Gardenias to:

Sgt. Jerry Halpern who sees to it that he always has a car full going to chow.

A certain Pfc. who washes his own clothing, thus not only helping the laundry situation, but helps to add to the pile he's been saving, assuring himself of that farm back in Nebraska when its all over.

Sgt. Whatron, for the stamina he seemingly always has; for no matter how long the working hour, it's never too late to go to Red Bluff.

Something to worry about: Our nation's gold supply is rapidly dwindling away, for it only has twenty-two billion gold dollars left to rub against one another.

A Thought worth remembering: Think what you will, but have will enough to keep some thoughts to yourself.

Pvt. Teibel was seen wandering into an empty barracks recently. Is it the girl friend in tow or were you off the bean, Bob?

A touch of Spring has been with us the last few days, for Pvt. Mack and T/Sgt Thomas seemed to sense it too, as they were seen busily rounding up fishing gear from the A & R Bldg.

Who misses who the most since part of the Squadron left for Victorville? From personal obervation, it's Mack the bulldog.

Rocky Petrozzi should have no trouble getting thru Preflight Training, when he leaves for Cadets. Why? Because he's had over a year of Preflight Training already in Chico proper.

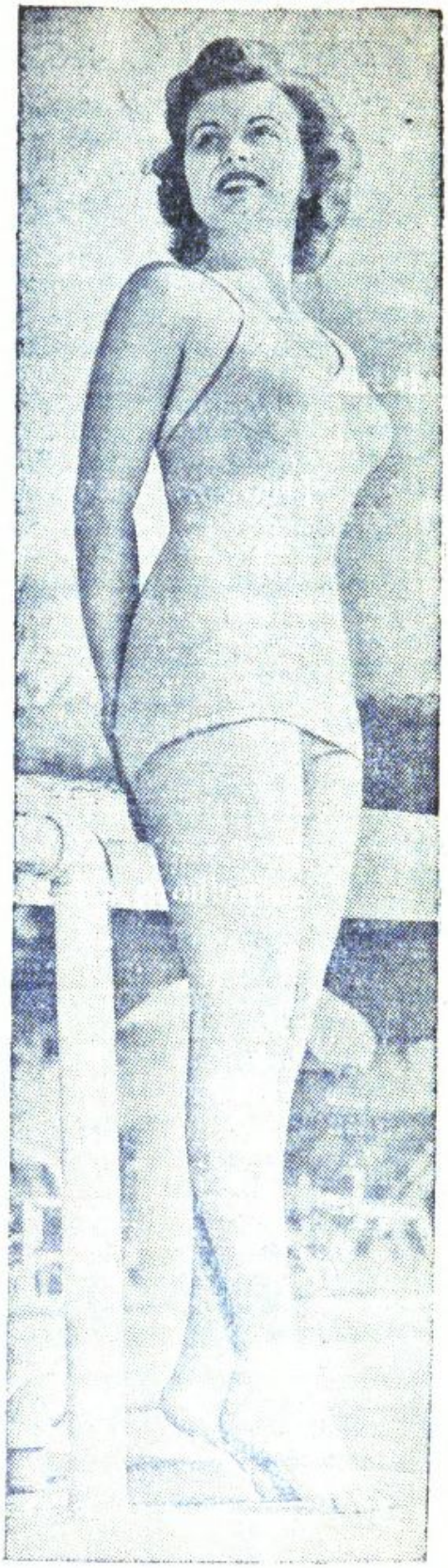
Marksmanship Medals To Be Made Available

Appropriate medals for expert, sharpshooter and marksman in pistol, calibre 45, will be distributed through the various organizations at some time in the future, it was indicated by Captain A. R. Buntjer, adjutant.

Names of qualifiers and non-qualifiers are being published in epecial orders.

Of those printed thus far, Sgt Clair Cunningham of Ordnance has the highest score, 98, while of the officers appearing in special orders thus far, Warrant Officer A.A. Cole leads with 95.

Unknown



She might be unknown, but oh brother, think of the number of G.I.'s who would like to know her!

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Lets All Back The Attack!

Last week American forces made new landings on Italy, which will be multiplied many times when the final assault is made on "Festung Europa."

In addition to the cost in lives, the landings probably cost the United States an amount beyond the imagination of the average person.

Yet the cost of war is going to increase sharply in the near future, not decrease.

We feel that victory is in our grasp, and the tendency is to coast toward the finish.

But in this struggle, even though victory is not too far off, the last mile will be all uphill.

For this reason the people of the United States, and that includes you, soldier, have been asked to invest fourteen billion dollars in the Fourth War Loan drive, currently in progress.

At this post, every soldier and civilian should make an effort to invest an extra amount other than that which is being deducted from his or her payroll. Just an average attempt is not enough. Something extra should be invested.

And we said INVESTED, not contributed.

War Bonds will pay you back, and generously. It is a good investment in a happy and democratic post war United States.

But there are other cogent reasons why everyone, including members of the armed forces, should put every spare penny into bonds.

By buying bonds, money which would compete for scarce goods is diverted, thus keeping down prices and preventing inflation.

The war materials must be paid for, and every man and women on the fighting fronts needs the monetary backing of all of us in the United States.

Instead of saying "I can't afford to buy bonds," the watchword should be "I can't afford NOT to buy bonds."

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PLM Sgt. Develops Labor-Saving Device

It's been said repeatedly that American ingenuity is accomplishing wonders in overcoming the ten year start in war production enjoyed by the Nazis at the outbreak of hostilities.

You've heard it so often that the statement is quite taken for granted.

We think of great research laboratories in which improvements in our fighting equipment is developed. But little things all add up, too.

And many of these important items are being worked on every day in our air fields, ordnance shops, repair depots, by ordinary G.I.s who found unsatisfactory the old method of doing a particular job, and who set about to effect a faster and more efficient way.

One of these men is Staff Sergeant Cardwell E. Fox of the Planning Department, Base Aircraft Maintenance at Chico Army Air Field.

He had noted that in accomplishing a tech order, directing that lower bolt holes in the BT-13 landing gear boss be cut through to prevent cracking, removal of the gear was necessary.

With this in mind, S/Sgt Fox began collecting standard Air Corps hardware and salvage metal, and worked out a motor driven, high speed, short stroke hacksaw to accomplish the task. He picked up a short section of one inch iron pipe, a one inch tee fitting, some brass bushings, a few pins, a wire spring and a piece of hacksaw blade.

In about forty hours, and at a cost to the government of one dollar and a few cents, he had developed a device which has proved tremendously efficient and effective.

It has saved four to five man-hours per ship in conducting the operation, and makes it possible to accomplish the tech. order without removing the landing gear. S/Sgt Fox said that he built the instrument with only hand tools, and that with a machine shop facilities more accurate and more durable moving parts could be constructed.

"As far as I know, Chico Field is the only installation using this means of slotting the bolt holes", he said.

But the sergeant's mechanical and inventive accomplishments have not stopped with the hacksaw device.

A reliable low pressure safety valve was required for 55 gallon oil drums which were being used for a cleaning fluid in the aircraft cleaning department, and a shortage of materials forced these off the market.

So again S/Sgt Fox turned his inventive mind to the problem.

With standard hardware and a valve assembly obtained from salvage, a low pressure "pop-off" valve was developed. It is adjustible between five and ten pounds pressure. Protection is given by a covering of fine copper cloth and a conical hood of sheet metal.

Al lof these parts were obtained either from salvage or from standard materials on hand.

S/Sgt Fox, who is in the 78th, is a resident of San Francisco, and has been in the army for 33 months. In civilian life he was a store manager, and has made a hobby of developing mechanical devices.

PLM PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The planning department of Production Line Maintenace, which broke into the news this week for the first time, was activated by Chief Warrant Officer R.W. Harvey, and the office was set up by S/Sgt C.E. Fox last September.

Purpose of the department was to take care of the many "loose ends" incident to maintenance hangar operations. At present he is assisted by Sgt E.F. Henkel and Pvt R.A. Teibel.

The department operates two shifts every day of the year doing work affecting maintenance of aircraft and improvement of equipment in the two hangars of P.L.M.

Among the developments originating in this office other than the short stroke hacksaw attachment is a fluid and air cleaning system having original features which speed up the first step of PLM. This also was a development of S/Sgt Fox.

The Cover . . .

S/Sgt. C .E. Fox applies his invention in Production Line Maintenance.

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Personnelities...

Lt. Col. Robert Nagle, formerly CO of the 19th Sub Depothere, dropped in for a visit recently . . . . he is CO of the 41st Sub Depot at Hamilton Field . . . . S/Sgt Bob Harrison who is strictly a southern gentleman, telling a bull session composed of Yankees the proper method of making corn bread in Barrack 316 . . . . T/Sgt Slaughter tells us he has heard from Sgt Joe Feller, who is in England with a P-47 outfit . . . . Sgt Joe Feller is an old timer with this organization, having been at Moffett Field before coming to Chico . . . checking through the records of former Moffett Field and CAAF graduates who have been decorated, we found that Major Allen V. Martini who piloted the famous Flying Fortress "Dry Martini" was through Moffett with the class of 41-I.

Another former prominent CAAF N.C.O., M/Sgt Pinky Nielson also is in England, and is having troubles understanding the King's English and the English monetary system . . he also reports having a couple of glasse of bitters on his night out,but couldn't see much (he didn't say whether it was from the blackout or the bitters) . . . M/Sgt John Mortenson, former personnel sgt. major, also is in England, but Piky hasn't seen him as yet . . .

Warrant Officer Frank J. Alioto, who used to be in the TJA's office here, now is a chief warrant officer stationed at the headquarters, Western Flying Training Command in Santa Ana . . . . the weekly communique from Sgt. Jimmie Allen now in pre-flight basic training at Buckley Field, Colo., tells of some real tough days, and adds that there is somewhat of a drought there among the favorite soldier beverages . . . . 2nd Lt. Frank E. Jones Jr., one of the officers recentiy reporting here, earned his civilian living as a fiction writer . . . . Texas A.& M., always well represented among army officers, is the alma mater of 1st Lt. E. A. Miller, a student officer, and he was something of an athlete there and in Morton, Tex., High school . . . . 1st Lt. Robert V. Kidwell, another student officer and former infantryman, served 13 months in the Aleutians and Alaskan mainland before entering the Air Forces . . . he was on the wrestling and rifle team of the University of Idaho, from which he was graduated in June, 1941.

New Commandant of Cadets Assumes Duties Here

Captain James R. Martin Jr., who first entered the army at Moffett Field, is back with this basic pilot school as commandant of cadets, replacing Major Philip B. Putnam. The latter has been transferred to Luke Field.

Captain Martin was ordered to active duty with the ACBFS at Moffet in July, 1941 as a Cavalry Reserve Officer, and when his first post was taken over by the Navy, was transferred to Bakersfield with the original cadet reception center.

Prior to taking his presen post, Captain Martin was executive officer of the 1st wing at the pilot school at Santa Ana Army Air Base. His parents are residents of Champaign, Ill., and he is a graduate of the University of Illinois with the class of 1940.

Captain Martin is married and has a baby daughter. His wife lives in Corona Del Mar, Calif.

19th Sub Depot Notes . . .

Charles Phillips has been elected president of the welfare association, and Jeanne Walker vice president, following election held alst week . . . . other officers include Neva Brockman, secretary; L.Q. Stubbs, treasurer; Remy Bally, Alf Olsen, Johnnie Osterhaug, Fred Waton, representatives from maintenance; Marjorie Parker, from headquarters; and Wilma Thompson, from supply . . . . . there now are no more gold bars in sub depot with the promotion of Charles E. Campbell to first lieutenant effective 11 January . . . . before entering the army 1st Lt. Campbell was a civil engineer.

GI's Admitted Free To Chico Concert Series

Chico Army Air Field soldiers will be admitted free of charge to the second in a series of Chico Cooperative Concert Association presentations at Chico State College on 26 January at 2000.

Featured is Miss Helene Howe, hailed as one of the "First Ladies" of the one-woman theatre, who presents some of her scintillating character sketches and caricatures.

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For Them Each Day Is Pearl Harbor Day

The day of Pearl Harbor is—as our President has said—a day that shall live in infamy. But the men of the Army Air Forces have made it a day of horror for the Japanese. Was the dawn red that December 7? Jap sailors and airmen saw a redder day at Midway. A fiercer noontide caught them in the Coral Sea. A deadlier twilight appalled them in the Bismarck Sea.

Guadalcanal, Kula Gulf, Kiska, Wewak, Tarawa, were grim hours for the Jap. Time has stopped. For them each day is Pearl Harbor Day. They must live that day again and again. Ten Japs have died beneath our guns for every second of it. A hundred, a thousand more shall die each minute of the day. The hour-glasses of Japan were filled with sand. Now they trickle hard clots of blood.

The shadows lengthen and night falls across the Japanese islands. But for these treacherous sons of Hirohito it is still the night of December 7, 1941. Fateful, haunting date! Let them spin the hands of all their clocks; tear the pages of all their calendars—it is still Pearl Harbor Day in Japan.

The flames from Hickham Field advance across four thousand miles of water. They light the Emperor's garden in Tokio. The torment of Manila is growling thunder above Kobe and Yokohama. For the Japanese, will this day never end? Flyers, you know the answer. It will end when the Japanese Empire is dead.

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory."

BASE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

We start the week withM/Sgt Roberts back from Victorville, as general supervisor of the flying line, and that means that we are not only going to keep to our flying schedule, but with possible new tricks picked up at Victorville, we may look for improvements, if that is possible.- - -We understand that the "Seven Hitch" Sgt was caught at B.A.M. the other morning by Capt Cowan,(our Director of Maintenance) with a cigarette in his left hand and his cap in the right hand. To demonstrate his years of training the Sgt threw the cap in the air, saluted the captain and caught the cap on the way down. This report has not been confirmed by any other source.

New on the line this week

Cpl Lee buying Roadside Monuments, while hitch hiking to work.***Pvt. Anderson discharged from the army.***Pvt Soloman, transferred from the 79th to the 97th. Sgt Tippery, transferred from P.L.M. to 79th Sq. Supply.***T/Sgt Barr and Pvt Dole transferred to Air Corps unassigned preparatory to going into the Cadets, we wish them lots of luck.***Cpl McClellan, transferred to Kirkland Field, New Mexico.***Cpl Shankman of Santa Ana, Cornell University, and way points, is the new G.I. at B.A.M. Personnell.***Sgt Trelease back from Victorville, and seeing the Sgt in town the other night we are wondering if he knows that he is back.***Miss Garvey, of Sub-Depot Inspection, informs us that Cpl Lee of Engine Change Dept. requested a engine change because of eternal failure. Apparently the Cpl was thinking of his motor cycle. M/Sgt Tressel, top kick of Repl. Hangar, is now residing off the post to prove that two can not live as cheap as one.***Cpl Whipple of unsatisfactory report fame, is helping the Redding-Chico Bus upkeep these days, must be wife trouble.

If the whistling of sour notes in this department increases as spring approaches somebody is going to commit a murder, and the writer will not be the victim. The department of Communications, after wearing out the equipment moving it around finally got the dept. arranged in a way that is a credit to those responsible.

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Furloughs Longer Than 15 Days Now Authorized

Additional furlough time in excess of the regular 15 days will be granted to compensate for travel, headquarters announced this week.

Furlough applications will be submitted as usual, and the additional time allowable will be entered on furlough certificates at Headquarters.

The additional time was authorized by Section III, War Department Circular No.10, which reads as follows:

ENLISTED MEN—Under the provision of paragraph 2, AR 615-275, an enlisted man may be granted a furlough or not to exceed 15 days at any one time. This restriction works a hardship on individuals who are stationed at long distances from their homes. Commanding Officers within the continental United States who are authorized to grant furloughs will give consideration to this factor, and when practicable, may for this purpose grant furloughs in excess of 15 days by the amount of rail travel time involved.

At the Post Library . . .

"INSIDE THE F.B.I."

No talent is wasted in the F.B.I. according to a story John J. Floherty tells in his INSIDE THE F.B.I. Before the G-men were empowered to carry guns a Government agent was detailed to pick up a youthful desperado hiding out in his fathers cabin far up on the side of a Tennessee mountain. The cabin had only one room, and the son was nowhere about. "Pappy" was off in a corner, a shotgun in his hands. Taking it easy, the agent slowly surveyed the rest of the room. On a shelf above an unmade bed he spied a fiddle. "Pappy" was the best fiddler between there and Nashville,testified one of the two neighbors sitting by the fireplace. But the G-man could fiddle, too, and so charmed "Pappy" by his rollicking rendering of Turkey in the Straw and Pop Goes the Weasel that he promised to have his son at the sheriffs office by noon of the following day, and did.

The 97th News . . . Lindner Star Kegler

The best three game score to be rolled at "Chico Bowl", is held at present by Sgt. Fred Lindner with a score of 661. On the strength of Fred's score five man teams are being organized within the two flights of the Link department, which should create interest and competition. More about the teams next week.

There is a movement on foot in the 10th to put together a team to beat our basketball boys. We thought the 10th was represented by their best players.

Sgt. Bihler, after a year and a half of tinkering, has put his radio in shape to play a little dance music instead of range signals. Bihler may now be seen clasping T/Sgt. Graper in his left arm while holding a book on terpsicorean art in his right hand. The only complaint comes from Graper who is practically worn to a frazzle from acting as "Sister Graper".

Cpl Moore, having broken his glasses, is using a seeing eye dog to get him to work at the Link Department, and is also devising a system of Braille for instructing until his extra eyes are repaired.

Sgt. Bennie "Beau Broomhandle" Smith set a new style for PT attire last week by appearing in a hetrogeneous outfit consisting of Khaki wool cap, white T shirt, blue swimming trunks, white belt, white socks held up by green garters and GI shoes. Very fetching.

Fixing light fixtures is usually a fairly simple and routine affair, but when Pvt. Ted Shanks tried to use Sgt. Satterfield for a step-ladder the result was disastrous. For his blind courage and ability to take it, Ted should wear a purple heart - - - - over his purple eye.

A new member of the orderly room personnel is Pfc. Robert G. Kerler of New York City. Bob attended the ASTP at the "U" of Pittsburg. Bob says helikes California but would rather have been stationed in his native state.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE

Cpl. Arnold Wiggum recruiting for the Spars. Cpl. Bracken wearing a 44 sweat shirt. Sgt. McMillan not laughing. No dental appointments. Sgt. Shaw not yelling at basketball games.

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TWO 97th MEN ABOUT TO BECOME BRIDEGROOMS

Saturday, January 22nd, Mr. and Mrs. N. Anchor Christensen, of Chico, announced the engagement of their daughter Doris to Sgt. J. William Thurman of Spokane, Washington. Doris is employed in the TJA's office on this field. Sgt. Thurman is supply sergeant in the 97th. The wedding march is to be played in a few weeks.

Miss Britta S. Rood, daughter of Mrs. U. U. Rood of Chico, announced her engagement, January 21st, to Cpl. George Callamaras of New York City. Miss Rood is a student of Chico State. The date for the wedding has been set, and will be announced in the near future. Cpl. Callamaras is a Link instructor.

Have You Any Old Copies Of YANK? Lab Needs 'Em

The base photo lab needs the loan of several back copies of YANK, the Army Weekly. Photographic reproductions of the Sad Sack comic strips will be used to decorate the Sad Sack Snackery, G.I. diner on the flight line.

Any soldier on the field who has back copies is requested to take them to the lab. Al lwill be returned undamaged.

Wants Competition In Gameof Table Tennis

There is a lad in the 10th who wants a little competition in the gameof table tennis, better known as ping pong.

His name is Cpl. Lyle E. Hayes and he can be reached at Ext. 224. Do I hear any takers?

Lt. Driscoll Bowls High

High man on the post bowling alleys from the week ending Wednesday night was 1st Lt. George W. Driscoll, with a 220 score. T/Sgt. P.J. Harrington was second with a 211 and Lt. James Mills third with 209.

Kingfield, Me. (CNS)—Mrs. Arthur G. Woodward heard a crash of glass in the cellar. She investigated, found a raccoon lapping up the remains of a bottle of Scotch.

Tenth Top Kick Rolls A Hot One at Alleys

With the Fightin' Tenth: 1st Sgt. Kuchinski got hotter than a firecracker the other day on the post bowling alleys, and rolled a 204 game, but it still wasn't as good as the 211 scored by T/Sgt. P. J. Harrington, the genial Special Services lad . . . . . wanted: a few basketball players, and all of them around at one time, and the Fightin' Tenth might win a few more games . . . . as it is, we aren't in too bad a spot, but it could be a heck of a lot better . . . . the squadron wishes to express its sympathy to Sgt. Farrell, whose mother died this week in Indiana. A new member of the outfit is Sgt. Stella, who came here from Santa Ana, and who is in the statistical section of Headquarters. Cpl. Kroner reports that the War Room is doing all right, except that our forces there have suffered three casualties as a result of a recent visit to the dentist . . . . . some of the lads from the Tenth have been among the most prolific book worms at the post library doing the month Dec. 18 to Jan. 18. . . among the top nine book borrowers were S/Sgt. Douglas Arkles, T/Sgt. Vic Widmer, Sgt. R. Anderson, and Sgt. P. W. (Fightin' Phil) Martin . . . S/Sgt. B. B. Brown still is sweating out cadets . . . the 19th cage team has a couple of new men, including Pvt. Belzac, who went wild in his first appearance with the outfit . . . Monte and Ruffato are doing all right too . . . plenty of credit for Cpl. Eddie Sorenson who went out and gave his best for the team last week when a couple of the players were on furlough.

CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAY, 30 JANUARY 1944

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Confession 0700; Mass at 0800 and 1740.

Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning worship at 1030; sermon, "Priorities Required." Special music: Nelson Eddy, recorded.

Vesper service at 1630. A 50 minute sound, religious film, "The Power of God," will be presented.

Dwight E. LaFollette, Chaplain

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Cash Sales Reach $8500 In 4th War Loan

Cash sales in the Fourth War Loan at CAAF are approximately $8,500 at the end of the first week, the Finance Office announced.

In addition, officers and enlisted men in various organizations have increased greatly their class B pay reservations, and most of those who were not purchasing bonds on this plan have begun to do so.

Most of the sales at the finance office have been of small demonination with the exception of a $1,000 bond purchased by a very modest enlisted man who requested that his name not be used.

Uncle Sam needs 14 billion dollars, and that ain't hay, even in these times.

So your payroll deduction and extra bond during the Fourth War Loan will do your part. The men on the battle fronts must be supported financially as well as supplied with our moral support.

World Affairs Lecture Open to Soldiers, Free

Soldiers of CAAF who are really interested in what's going on today and why will be given an opportunity to hear four outstanding authorities on world events in a series of lectures at Chico State College beginning February 2. One hundred tickets to the series are being given away free by the Chico Rotary Club and will be distributed by the squadrons.

First speaker is George A. Malcolm, speaking under the auspices of the Institute of International Understanding. His subject is "Oriental Nations and Contributions to the New World Order."

Mr. Malcolm has been a U. S. government employee for 30 years in the Far East with headquarters in the Philippines.

Special Services, through which the offer came, announces that for soldiers other than those who receive free tickets, single admissions may be purchased at the box office.

New York (CNS)–New York's city slickers raised 200 million pounds of victory garden vegetables last year. The big town's window sill farm covered 6,000 acres and produced a crop valued at $30,000,000.

Motor Transportation . . .

FOREWORD TO PETER:

We are not trying to keep a feud going, nor are we trying to claim relationship to "Webster", but we intend to give credit to the backbone of the Army, and everyone knows that the Army moves on its stomach and Motor Transportation.

The 970th is all adither and has been for the past two weeks since word was received that a group of WACs would be invading this field. Has (Stoop) Dorsey been taking vitamin pills, or has the appearance of the female branch of the Army spurred him on.

Congratulations to the CAAF Motor Pool gang now stationed at Victorville, for the swell job they are doing. They are really on the "beam" in keeping those vehicles rolling day and night, hardly stopping long enough to cool the motors. Sgt Perkins sent us a very interesting letter giving us all he "dope", keep us posted Sgt.

Wonder when Cornelius Farrel will get his wings for operating the elephant train between the Motor Pool and the B.O.Q.???? Those who do not think he should have them, haven't ridden on this "Post P–38" lately.

It is good to see Ruben with us again. We missed his parading back and forth in his fatigue clothes. California and its mild weather looked good to him after the sub-zero weather of Minnesota. Big "boss" Thomann is also back from his furlough down South, (his disposition has taken a change for the better, wonder what happened???)

The Physical Fitness tests certainly took its toll around here. It will take some time before the fellows get the kinks out of their system. We might just as well take this opportunity to say hello to the fellows who ended up in the hospital with more than muscular fatigue. Don't let it get you down bops, it happens to the best of us.

The Motor Pool personnel is large, so we will have to introduce them as we go along. The GI drivers of the Staff cars are, Cpl. Von Wald, Pfc. Czyzewski, Pfc. Bauer, and Pvt. Stefanowicz. More about our drivers next week.

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Let's All Back the Attack

HEY SOLDIER!

The

FOURTH WAR LOAN

Drive Is Here

Uncle Sam Needs 14 Billion Dollars

Invest in Your Slice of Victory

Even if you are buying War Bonds on the pay-roll deduction plan, buy at least one $25 Bond During the Fourth War Loan!

Let's All Back the Attack

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With the 79th . . .

On off duty hours, Sgt. Courtney can usually be found in the day room, whiling away the hours playing pool or day dreaming as to how he'll make Fond-du-Lac, Wisconsin, prosper after the war, by spending all the money he's been sending home while in the Army.

We lost two closely-contested basketball games last week. The 78th barely defeated us, tho they used three cadets to bolster their squad. Wonder how our squad would fare, if we added even one WAC?

Something new has been added to PLM. Yes, now the mechanicshave music to console their jangled nerves and to over shadow their griping too, I presume. Anyway, it's a great help, so they say.

Gardenias to: - - Acting 1st Sgt. Semanik and Sgt. Thorpe of Supply, for the grand job they are doing. Always ready and willing to help a fellow.

The Squd. will sell Bonds in the Orderly Room on Pay Day, in support of the 4th War Loan. All Squd. capitalists take note and buy all the bonds you can. It's for a rea lcause as we all qnow.

Did you know - - - Minds are like parachutes - - - - they function onyl when they are open.

Something to dwell upon:

Four things that I may happy be
I pray that God will give to me:
Some one to love with all my heart,
Something to do by toi lor art,
Something to hope for further on,
A memory sweet to muse upon.

Sgt. "Muscles" Tippery s on the move again. He's now Ass't Supp lySgt. Ahem! Guess there wasn't enough exercise as a mech.

Always seen together, is Sgt. Rust and his motor scooter. He'll probably be one of the Army's first customers when the scooters go on resale, if they outlast the present conflict.

We read in a metropolitan paper the other day where an Indian made the headlines by shaving with a safety razor blade held without a razor, and between the thumb and forefinger . . . well, Pvt. John Reynoso of the 10th must have heard of the same thing, for that's the way he scrapes off the hirsute adornments.

If You Want To Be Sure About Taxes, See T.J.A.

That there's nothing sure but death and taxes is an old truism which is more and more true each passing day of this war. Especially the part about taxes, and if you're being troubled with the complicated 1943 return, just call up the Office of the Trial Judge Advocate, Ext. 392, and make an appointment for a conference.

A representative of the Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue (income tax to you dogface) will be there on the following dates to assist military personnel with their returns.

Monday and Tuesday, 14 and 15 Fed., Monday and Tuesday, 21 and 22 Fed., and Monday, 28 Feb., from 0900 until 1630 each day.

Here's what you should bring: Your copy of the 1942 return, if any; copy of September, 1943 declaration of estimated tax, if any; exact amount of 1943 income, (include only base pay, flying pay, longevity and civilian income) and a complete itemized statement of proposed deductions.

Exchange Has Valentines

Like a baby takes to candy
Like a plane takes to air
Like a kitty takes to catnip
And like Cupid to a pair.
Like a flower takes to sunshine
Like the Irish take to stew
Like a duck takes to water
That's the way I take to you!

Soldier, is that how you fell abou your girl? Then, tell her so, with one of the Exchange's beautiful Valentine cards. We have a large assortment of colorful Valentines - - so let's remember those who serve back home.

Personality notes: Pfc. J. B. Pike, whose favorite song in the juke box at the Sad Sack Snackery is "Wabash Cannon Ball", swears that 20 years ago they used to shoot out the lights at the end of a dance "way back yonder in Texas."

In the hospital with leryngitis is Pfc. "Ted" Kowalewicz. He returned from a furlough with said ailment, and whispered that he had a wonderful "binge". We believe it.

Harry Buell, our warehouse manager, has left the Exchange to go to Sacramento. We were all sorry to see him go, but wish him well in his new venture.

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FRENCH ASK TRIAL FOR HER



Alleged collaboration with the Nazis has brought a demand by the French underground that Danielle Darrieux, above, petite French film actress, be brought to trial. The demand was made by Bir Hakeim, de Gaullist underground newspaper.

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Interest Mounts In CAAF Basketball Contests

For a time it looked as if the Quartermaster outfit, famed on the post for its athletic teams, was going to make a real challenge to the going away race being made in the post basketball league by the 97th Hotshots.

But in the past two games the Q.M. lads have dropped from a favored position only three games behind the leaders, to a tie for second with the 52nd Bombers, and five whole games out of the race.

Showing only flashes of their former style, the Robbers dropped close games to both the 97th and 52nd. In the latter contest, which was 25–23 for the Bombers, the Q.M. led 14–10 at half time, but the Bombers' two "H" men, Henry and Hunt, went on personal scoring sprees towipe out the lead.

Against the Hotshots, who had the Robbers by 13–6 at halftime, the second place men went wild - - - but with only three minutes to go - - - and it was to late. Final score was 26–19. Ray Mootz topped the Q.M. scorers and Shanks was high for the winners with eight and nine, respectively. Hunt had 13 for the Bombers and Murry and Ruben were good for six by the Robbers.

The Bombers also knocked off the Tenth, 16–13, as Bill Bertino of the losers put on one of the greatest individual cage exhibitions of the season. He was truly a one man team, tallying eight points and being all over the floor on both defense and offense. Henry and Darnell each had six for the winners.

However, the Tenth came back to trim the 78th 29–24 in a snappy contest. Belzac, an addition to he Fighting Tenth, was good for 14 points and probably provided the winning margin. Kosciezski of the 78th tallied seven.

As Bob Van Gundy went on a scoring spree with 12 points, the Hotshots knocked off the Weathermen, 30–21. Old Reliable Meltzer again topped the Forecaster scoring, with nine.

The 79th won by forfeit from the 78th team, which couldn't field a full five, and had to add a couple of cadets. However the 78th pickup team topped their opponents in a practice game. But Lampson and Michelli of the 79th had 12 and 10 points respectively.

OFFICERS PLAY THREE BASKETBALL CONTESTS

There was high scoring galore as officers' basketball teams took to the post gym floor for three practice games last week. While winter training at Victorville is in progress, the Officers League is dormant .

Monday night Lt. Sid Story's Mustangs took a terrific shellacking from the cadets of Group I, 47-23, but previously had slaughtered the 97th Hotshots, 53-26. In the other game Captain Buck's five whipped the Liberators 43-20.

Lt. Story was the big noise in his team's two contests. He tallied 18 points against the 97th, and 11 against the Cadet team. But Center Pennington of the Gadgets also was good for 18 markers. O'Shaughnessy of the Cadets had 10. In the Hotshot contest, however, Lt. Story was topped by Lt. Jenkins, who swished 19 points through the nets.

T/Sgt. Joe Williams of the 97th topped his teammates with ten, and Captain Buck scored 19 of his team's points in the third game. For the losers, Lt. Manville Petteys was good for 13.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

(Including Games of 25 January)

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Hotshots	13	0	1.000
Quartermaster	8	5	.615
Bombers	8	5	.615
Tenth	5	7	.416
Weather	5	7	.416
78th	5	8	.385
79th	3	8	.272

Henry Tops Scorers

Cpl Cleon Henry of the Brown Bombers added 14 points to his total during the past week, and now leads the enlisted men's league in scoring with 109 markers in 12 games.

S/Sgt. Johnny Murry of the Q.M. is second with 82, followed by Pvt. Darneal of the Bombers, 72, and Sgt. William Meltzer of Weather with 71.

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OFFICERS' BOWLING LEAGUE UNDER WAY WITH A BANG!

Here are the opening scores in the Officers Bowling League, which has started with great enthusiasm on the post alleys:

Bowling scores:

Quartermaster – – Capt. Ritter 292; Lt. Williams 282; Lt. Zamzow 387; Lt. Ratliffe 309; Lt. Everson 504. Total 1774.

Kiwis: – – Lt. Mills 521; Capt. Buntjer 408; Lt. Col. Toomey 445; Capt. Tyson 411; Lt. L. E. Williams 455. Total 2240.

Sub-Depot – – Lt. Brodzinsky 400; Major Marth 333; Lt. Sandager 421; CWO Harvey 397; Major Russell 411. Total 1962.

Cadets – – Lt. Weber 480; Lt. Brotherton 311; Capt. Martin 342; Lt. Connor 309; Lt. Kotch 321. Total 1763.

Medics – – Lt. Conrad 407; Capt. Rossen 322; Capt. Mead 387; Lt. Backowske 340; Lt. Hatch 340. Total 1796.

High scores:

Q.M., Lt. Everson 504 series; Kiwis, Lt. Mills 521 series, 209 single; Sub Depot, Lt. Sandanger 421 series; Cadets, Lt. Weber 480 series; Medics, Lt. Conrad, 407 series.

STandings

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	Ave.
Kiwis	3	0	1.000	747
Sub-Depot	3	0	1.000	654
Medics	3	0	1.000	599
Q.M.	0	3	.000	591
Cadets	0	3	.000	588
Ground Sch.*	0	3	.000	

Cadre of Negro WACs On Duty at CAAF

A cadre of Negro WACs, including two officers, has arrived at this station and have been assigned to quarters in the WAC barracks area. They are expected to be given assignments at CAAF in keeping with their special skills and training.

1st Lt. Ann M. Clark has been named Commanding officer of the WAC detachment. The second officer assigned with the group is 2nd Lt. Naomi W. Sikes. Lt. Clark is a graduate of Kentucky State College, where she was active in athletics. She later was a YWCA instructor in Cincinnati, Ohio. Lt. Sikes is a resident of Lawton, Okla. She attended Tillotson College in Austin, Tex.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

It seems that ever so often our office goes through a phase. At present, except for a few complacent gals, the rest of us have gone on starvation diets. It is odd, and somehow pathetic sight, to watch a box of candy travel the length of the stock room, touched only by the long suffering eyes of Thelma, Ruth, Wanda & Jeane – – thence to the eager hands of the girls in the front office, where it is devoured – – and I do mean devoured – – immediately!

A letter to Ruth Miller which made the rounds of the office force, shows that Cpl. P.J. Barale, formerly of the Engineers, spent his New Year's Eve in N.Y. City.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to the entire office force for my unjustfied accusations Tuesday afternoon. I DID have a brand new soft lead pencil, and unfortunately, I DID accuse each and everyone of you of taking it. If I had kept my remarks to myself or to a select few – – my humiliation would not now be quite so complete. The pencil was found later in the afternoon by two of my suspects, I might add, my two main suspects – – Thelma and Sgt. Morgan – – to be firmly anchored behind my ear. In as much as I had combed my hair but a few moments before, and the pencil had been missing most of the day, there are still possibilities, which if explored, might throw an entirely different light on the subject. However, since no conclusive evidence can be given at this time, the matter will of necessity close with my ever so humble apology.

Lt. Perry of the B.O.Q. has proved instrumental in the construction of the Pawn Shop in the Eng. Stockroom. With Mr. Cummings as pawn broker, and the implaccable sign "Two to One I'll Beat You", placed conspicuously in front, it promises to do a rushing, if not profitable, business.

PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS:

BEUTAH HAMM – – Taking a 6 weeks leave of absence.

JENNIE TRUESDALE – – Supplying the soap for Ruth's soap box oratory.

CPL. BERGMANN – – Skiing at Mt. Lassen.

PVT. LANE – – Nonchalontly extinguishing the conflagrationin his coverall pocket.

SGT. RYAN – – Caught in the act of smuggling a pair of binoculars to his cache near the stockroom window. The window, by the way, overlooks the WAC's quarters.

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AT POST THEATER

SATURDAY, 29 JANUARY

MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S CREEK

Betty Hutton, Eddie Bracken
Brian Donlevy, Akim Tamiroff

SUNDAY & MONDAY

THE FIGHTING SEABEES

John Wayne, Susan Hayward,
and Dennis O'Keefe

TUESDAY

THE SPIDER WOMAN

Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce

—and—

CASANOVA IN BURLESQUE

Joe E. Brown, June Havoc

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

THE DESERT SONG

Dennis Morgan,
Irene Manning, Bruce Cabot

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

LIFEBOAT

Tallulah Bankhead, Canada Lee

Former CAAF Officer Hears Pal in Control Tower

Lieutenant Hubert J. McCormack, USNR, former football coach at Chico State College, dropped out to Chico Field this week looking for his old friend, Major Lloyd A. Madsen, not knowing that the latter is now stationed at Merced Army Air Field.

But he did find Major Madsen - - - at about 5,000 feet over Durham - - - and coming into CAAF for a landing.

Upon finding that his friend no longer was here, Lt. McCormack decided to look over the field, and was in the control tower when Major Madsen called the tower for landing instructions.

G. I. QUIZ . . .

1. Where, according to German news reports, might you have located each of these famous German Generals last week: Rommel, von Rundstedt, von Mannstein?

2. Last week Russian armies were said to be nearing the Bug River.Should the Rumanians or the Poles have been more concerned?

3. The so-called Curson Line – the Russo-Polish boundary line proposed by the Supreme Allied Council in 1911 – was named for the British Prime Minister of that day. True or False?

4. By the way, can you give the name of the Soviet general who was leading the First Ukrainian Army into old Poland last week?

5. Last week General Stilwell was reported inspecting the progress on the Ledo Road —the new highway into northern Burma. Where would we have to go to inspect the route known as "The Hump"?

1. Rommel in western Europe, as senior commander of the coastal defenses and anti-invasion forces—replacing von Rundstede, who was reported in Berlin. Von Mannstein in command of the German armies along the Dnieper bend.

2. The Rumanians. There are two Bug Rivers in Eastern Europe. The Russians were near the southern Bug—approximately fifty miles from the old Rumanian border. The other Bug River is in Poland.

3. False. Lord Curzon was Foreign Secretary.

4. General Nikolai F. Vatutin.

5. "The Hump" is the turm applied by airmen to the route from northeastern India into China (Over the Himalayas).

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Here's To The AAF

IN England the Royal Flying Corps became the Royal Air Force—and so it was spoken of until the Battle of Britain. Then, the boys in the Spitfires wrote three initial letters on the wings of Goering's bomber and fighter planes. RAF was the nickname after that—repeated in pride and love by every Englishman.

And in our own country, the Air Service became the Army Air Corps and the Army Air Corps grew into the Army Air Forces. Then came the great battles of the Bismark Sea . . . Tunisia . . Pantelleria . . Sicily . . Hamburg and Rabaul. Our lads who flew the Fortresses and Lightnings had no time to spell out United States Army Air Forces on German and Japanese skins. They wrote their signature in fire and smoke. A. . .A. . .F. They made it brief and bitter.

So heres to the AAF. Terse as the dive of a Thunderbolt and blunt as a burst from a Liberators guns—let our nickname stand. It was won in battle. It is spoken affectionately by Kanakas of the South Pacific; Chinese coolies in Hainan; Arabs of the Middle East; good fighting men in the British Isles and along the Dnieper.

Even our enemies must applaud this shortening of our name. Tojo San and Heinie Kraut need only to shout "AAF . . . AAF!" and dive for the bomb shelters. Much can be said in little. U.S.A. . Old Glory . . AAF. Work, fight, win, oh flyers. Look to the day when the skies above Tokio the day when the skies obove Tokio and Berlin are rent asunder and we burn our brand upon those wicked hearts. Forward, AAF!

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory".

New Orleans (CNS)–Frank Weaver, 29. proposed to Audrey Brelet, 19, while she was riding with him in his car. She turned him down. Dejected, Weaver said he had nothing to live for, threatened to drive the car into a nearby canal. Frightened, Miss Brelet jumped from the car, received a broken collarbone. Weaver drove home.

Bridgeport, Conn. (CNS)–Mrs. Arpad Kansco was seeking a divorce on the grounds that her husband was living with another woman. "Have you any chidren?" asked the judge. "Yes," admitted Mrs. Kansco, "seventeen."

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MANY FUTURE FLYERS PROCESSED BY RECRUITING

It's called the recruiting section, but since enlistments long since have been clased, some people have wondered what the men there do all day long.

Well, it's plenty.

The section, composed of Lt. Vesta Arnold, recruiting officer, T/Sgt. Leo D .Hibler, Sgt. Roy Garden (now on DS) and Pfc. Leonard Harader, handles applications and processing for air crew training from civilians in this area, soldiers from CAAF and from other nearby stations.

They also handle applications for officer candidate schools, and enlistments in the Air Wacs, among other items.

And in the procurement of aviation cadets alone, the section has compiled an outstanding record.

In the six months ending 31 December, 1943, 344 applications have been processed, and here are the results in actual enlistments:

Thirty-six 17-year-olds in Air Corps Enlisted Reserve, who will enter air crew training after their 18th birthday; 29 civilians who have voluntarily signed up through their draft boards for air crew training; three officers from this post qualified as student officers; and 57 enlisted men qualified and already left for either aviation cadet or aviation student training.

Of course, in addition there are the OCS applications and processing, not so numerous as formerly, but still a factor, as are the many inquiries which come from all sources.

Chico Field soldiers aren't the only ones to be processed for air crew training at the CAAF recruiting section. They come from other air bases and army camps in the area. And the Air Wac recruiting drive takes time and effort also.

Want to be a cadet, buddy? Drop over to headquarters and see Recruiting.

USO TO SHOW FREE MOVIES FOLLOWING SATURDAY NITE BUFFETS

A new program of free motion pictures for soldiers and their wives each Saturday night following the regular buffet supper at the Chico USO was announced this week by A.D. Humphreys, director.

They are regular first run features shown on a 16 mm projector, and will include some of the top pictures of the year. Tonight's feature is "How About It?", with the Andrew Sisters, Robert Paige, Grace McDonald and Buddy Rich's Orchestra.

Next Saturday night its "It Comes Up Love" with Gloria Jean, Donald O'Connor, Ian Hunter and others.

Mr. Humphreys has arranged for the future showing of some outstanding pictures including "Shadow of a Doubt", Pride of the Yankees, Spitfire ,with Leslie Howard, They Got Me Covered, with Bob Hope, and Pat O'Brien in Bombardier.

Also planned is a series of old favorites, such as Lost Horizon, Lives of a Bengal Lancer, Philadelphia Story, Mutiny on the Bounty, and others. Soldiers, if this plan appeals to them, are asked to leave the titles of their old favorites with the USO in Chico. If the paln does not meet with approval, Mr. Humphreys also would like to hear about it, and other suggestions.

Former CAAF Soldier Saves Lives of Children in Fire

Pvt Oscar Byrd, who for several months was a member of the 52nd Aviation Squadron here, distinguished himself last week by saving the lives of two small Negro children in a Las Vegas, Nevada, fire.

The father of the children was burned to death, and the mother barely escaped.

Pvt Byrd, according to word received by Capt. P.H. Buchanan, CO of the 52nd, was staying in a house next door when he heard a woman's scream. Noticing the flames he rushed outside and saw the frantic children silhouetted by the flames against a closed window.

Smashing the glass with his fist, Pvt Byrd went inside, and pulled the girl,10, and her eight year old brother to safety. Pvt Byrd suffered cuts on the hand.

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Lucky Thirteen Leave for Cadets

The call of those silver wings was strong for thirteen Chico Army Air Field G.I.s who have left for pre-aviation cadet training at Sheppard Field, Texas.

They range all the way from tech sergeant to private, and some of them already are wearing a hash mark denoting a full hitch in Uncle Sam's Army.

They include T/Sgts William D. Hughes of the 10th, Charles L. Barr and Donald A. Nelsen of the 78th; S/Sgts Byron B. Brown and Leroy V. Ruth of the 10th, Robert B. Lowery of the 78th and Lloyd P. Rambeau of the 79th; Sgt Rocco E. Petrozziof the 79th; Cpls Verne E. Amrine of the 79th and John C. Corbett of the 78th; Pfc Donald M. Wetzel of the 79th; and Pvts. Frederick J. Arnhold of the 10th and Lyle E. Dole of the 79th.

G. I. QUIZ . . .

1. The new Russian offensive around Leningrad last week marked the first anniversary of the Red Army break-through at which of the following cities: Kharkov, Leningrad, Stalingrad?

2. Last week Gen Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Mediterranean Commander in Chief, defined his front as the entire stretch from the Pyrenees on France's Spanish border to the Maritza River between Bulgaria and Turkey. Would you say that measured 700, 1,200 or 1,800 miles?

3. There have been Mareth, Siegfried and Mannerheim Lines. Dispatches last week mentioned the Gustav Line. Where is it and who defends it?

4. He was graduated in 1915 from West Point, where he made the longest baseball throw in Academy history; he is called the "doughboys'" general. Last week he was chosen "senior U.S. ground commander" for European invasion forces. Who is he?

1. Leningrad, where Red Armies hewed a land corridor for relief of the city after seventeen months of Nazi siege.

2. 1,200 miles measuring from the eastern end of the Pyrenees.

3. The Gustav Line gaurds Cassino, in Italy. The Germans defend it.

4. Lieut. Gen. Omar N. Bradley.

SPECIAL SERVICES ORIENTATION PROGRAM

POST ENGINEERS . . .

FLASH! Captain Van Riper is hot on the trail of the suspect who sent the hack saw blade and file to one of his charges in the prison recently. With a stern eye directed toward Jeane Lichty, he prophecies dire things to the culprit if she is eventually caught and found guilty.

LT. COL. GEORGE BARKER, Regional Utilities Supervisor, paying the Engineers a routine visit Tuesday.

CPL. MCDONALD—On the post again after his furlogh which was spent quietly in San Francisco—He Says!

GEORGE BENHAM—Speaking civilly to the office force lately.

PFC. CARLILE—Sweating out the days between now and the 14th of Feb.—the day his furlogh comes due.

She hung her head, her eyes cast low-
And fervently wished that we all would go.
We cannot tell you what Thelma said,
But whatever it was, her face turned red.
Now once in a while, out slips a sigh,
She speaks but seldom to the passers by.
Every word she utters is carefully weighed,
Her self confidence is shattered and her nerves are frayed.
To each friendly gesture she proves immune,
She trusts us not—it is way too soon.
She will trust us less in the days to come,
We have to admit—She is not dumb!

At the USO

Saturday, 5 February

BUFFET SUPPER AND MOVIES

How's About It?

12 FEBRUARY

It Comes Up Love

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Major Daly's Son, Also A Major, Back From Italy and Africa

Two majors were talking things over up in the engine change hangar one day this week.

They were talking about the war; one in the manner of a man who had seen a war in other years, and who was curious about this one. The other, and younger major talked intimately of P-40s, fragmentation bombs, invasion beaches, sea sweeps and .50 calibre machine guns .

The younger major was Edward Daly, veteran of 95 missions with a P-40 group in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. The elder major was his father, Major John J. Daly, civilian personnel officer of CAAF.

Young Major Daly, who wears the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters, and three bronze stars representing major engagements on his European theater campaign ribbon, is visiting his father on leave here before leaving for Santa Monica, Calif., and reassignment.

The flyer's fighter group was in on the first invasion of North Africa, the fighting which resulted in the German surrender on Cape Bon, the invasion of Sicily and the bloody battle of Salerno.

His squadron (Major Daly was commanding) did just about everything in the fighter pilot's books, including patrols, sea sweeps, support of ground troops, low level bombing and strafing missions. Although he is credited with destroying no enemy planes in the air, many enemy aircraft were hit on the ground with his fragmentation bombs.

"I shot at some German planes in the air ,but couldn't tell whether or not they fell," he related.

Sand and dust storms often made maintenance work difficult, as he was based on the edge of the desert while in North Africa. His outfit was the first to be based with the Seventh Army after the invasion of Sicily.

Describing the destruction wrought by invasion, he said:

"We were so used to seeing entire towns leveled, that when one was only half wrecked we considered it in good shape."

He told of the wreckage along the waterfront in Palermo, Sicily, which showed the effectiveness of American bombing before the invasion.

Major Daly was trained in the southeastern flying training command.

ALL $3.75 ALLOTMENTS ARE DISCONTINUED

All class B war bond allotments of $3.75 will be discontinued as soon as payment for a $25 bond has been accrued, headquarters announced.

From that time on, the minimum reservation which can be made for War Bonds is $6.25 monthly. No notice of the cancellation of the reservation will be made by the War Department, as it is automatic.

All G.I.s are urged to see their orderly rooms for larger reservations. Your early action may save the life of an American soldier or sailor.

Vultee Delivers 10,000th Basic Trainer to AAF

Several high ranking AAF Training Command officers attended ceremonies held recently in Downey, Calif., commemorating delivery of the 10,000th basic trainer to the Army Air Forces.

They include Major General Ralph P. Cousins, commanding general Western Flying Training Command, Major General T.J. Hanley Jr., CG, Eastern Flying Training Command, and Brig. Gen. Donald F. Stace, western district supervisor, AAF Materiel Command.

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Welfare Association of Sub Depot Expanded to Include All Employees

The 19th Sub Depot Employees Welfare Association has become the Chico Army Air Field Employees Welfare Association, and membership extended to every civilian employee of the post.

An invitation to post employees and their escorts was issued on behalf of all Welfare Assn. members to the Valentine Dance to be held Monday night in Memorial Hall in Chico. There now are 270 members in the original organization.

The association is a mutual benefit group which offers hospitalization and a $500 life insurance policy, according to Mr. O'Donnell of Sub Depot Headquarters.

All civilian employees will be contacted by a representative of the association through the civilian personnel officer, and the various benefits of the organization will be explaned.

In addition to the financial benefits, the association is also a social and service group.

SOME AAF TECH SCHOOLS NOW OPEN TO WACs

Several Army Air Force technical schools formerly open only to male soldiers, now are open to Air Wacs, Lt. Vesta M. Arnold, CAAF Air Wac recruiting officer, announced.

Wacs chosen will go to either Chanute Field, Ill., or to Lowry Field, Colo., and take the same courses as men. These courses include operator and mechanic for celestial navigation trainer, control tower operator, cryptographer, parachute rigger, and weather observer and forecaster. All of these are given at Chanute Field.

At Lowry Field will be given courses for armorers, camera technicians, administrative and supply clerks, bombsight mechanics, photographers and photo lab technicians.

Recommendations based on experience, previous training, demonstrated ability or tests will be made by the Air Wac's commanding officer .

Personnelities...

Two men associated with the T.J.A.'s office here have advanced a notch or so recently . . . . . .S/Sgt Ralph Shifano, apparent' ' n Italy, is doing courts and boards and claims work with the Allied Military Government, and has been complimented by his CO on his excellent background with the comment that his experience at CAAF must have been very good . . . and Sgt. Dan Weyand has left for AAF Administrative officers candidate school at Miami Beach. . . . .ten of the new flying instructors reporting to this field recently were connected in various ways with the aircraft profession before they entered the Army Air Forces. . . . .they include Lts Lee M. Brooks, Gabriel H. Gronich, Donald E. St. Clare, Raymond L. Mathews, Lowell D. Scales, Herbert A. Stinson, Donald R. Boss, Norman K. Williams, Harold A. Wyatt, and Flight Officer Wayne F. Bechtelheimer. . . . .most of them hail from the Los Angeles area.

Another new flying instructor here - - - 2nd Lt. William Kwasnick, 22, is no stranger to the Air Forces. . . . .the new officer served three years and six months in the Hawaiian Department, attaining the grade of tech sergeant and being cited for gallantry in action during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor . . . .he is a resident of Saugerties, N.Y. . . . to sports minded personnel, it might be interesting to hear that Howie Pollet, southpaw pitcher for the St Louis Cardinals, is taking his pre-flight training as a cadet at Santa Ana Army Air Base, and Harry Eisenstat, former Cleveland Indians port side hurler, is an officer candidate at Miami Beach's AAF Administrative OCS.

FLYER ALSO GOES "DS" TO VICTORVILLE

Whither CAAF air soldiers go ,there also goes the Flyer. So that the Chico Army Air Field Detachment at Victorville may keep informed of the happenings at their home station, sufficient copies each week are rushed direct from the print shop to the first plane heading for the Southern California base. Often the Flyer is being read at Victorville almost as soon as it "hits the street" at CAAF.

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BASE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

This week, we salute the boys working on the line in the "Keep Em Flying" program. Little has ever been said about these boys who work around the clock and in all types of weather, but needless to say, they are the ones who deserve the honorable mention.

Preflighting, servicing and repairing the airplanes are only the beginning of the numerous jobs these men do to help train the world's best flyers; flyers which are and will continue to smash the Axis till Victory is ours. In all theatres of operations, can be found pilots which received training here at Chico Field and with them wherever they may be, whole-heartedly and in mind, these grease-monkeys are fighting side by side to speed that which we are fighting for Victory! Again we salute you fellas, and "KEEP EM FLYING".

Pfc. Benson of B. A. M. personnel transferred back to the 78th. Must be nice to be back, eh Pfc? . . . Pvt. Wing of the 79th has been transferred to Gunnery School. Sgt. Kolbusz of P.L.M. was transferred to Hammond General Hospital. . . . S/Sgt. Williams just came back from an extended short pass (very short) to Nevada. Glad to see you back Sarge-the place was going to the dogs. . . . YOURS TRULY is spending his furlogh in Portland, Oregon and other distant points. We all wish Sgt. Rust lots of luck and a good time, but hurry back or you'll wish you hadn't gone, Sergeant. . . . . S/Sgt. Davis of Sub-Inspection talking about nothing but Sub-Depot gals. He covers the subject very well.

THINGS WE DON'T EVER EXPECT TO

S/Sgt. West not at the Sad Sack Snackery.

Cpl. Whipple staying on the post in excess of one night per each week.

Cpl. Lee not asking Message Center if he can borrow the scooter.

Sgt. Dresser not working.

Helena, Mont. (CNS)–W.Rush Burroughs, who estimates that he has walked a distance equal to four times around the world during his 41 years as a mailman, quit recently to take a new job. Now he's a door-to-door salesman.

Quartermaster Column . . .

by PETER

Jake Young has obviously awakened to the realization that the "Machine Age" is here to stay. Mrs. Young's boy, Jake, is now the proud possessor of the most antiquated, archaic, obsolete, and out moded piece of equipment in existince. Yep, it's really a classy chariot- -a '28 Chev. with the palsy

Reputed to operate on a mixture of lighter fluid and vitamin pills its take off is so fast, the paint slips a good two inches. Once rolling, though, you have to drive stakes to see if it's moving.

Jake christened it "Passion" because it heats up so fast.

"King Size" Young has quite an impressive list of nicknames. In fact he has more nicknames than hair. Answering to any of the following cognomens - - "Pee Wee", "Crash", "Little Bit", Bird Dog", "Shorty", "Tad", and "Pebble". The little fellers real name is Kenneth Richard Young and he hails from Wisconsin, "The Nations Dairyland" - - Afterthought - - California is milking him dry.

"Mr. Bones" Driscoll, an alleged scientist with the "Ubangi Marbles", who recenty divorced himself from the game on grounds of non-support, is at it again - - Net Result - - He not only lost his months pay but also his antspay.

Californians certainly are courageous. Mootz, Driscoll, Ward & Bellegarde were upholding the State's record for "perfectly lovely weather" even while engaged in the laborious process of equipping their "Lil Abners" with pontoons.

Physical Fitness Rating Twice As High Now

Chico Field's men now have a physical fitness rating exactly twice as high as when the tests were first given here last Fall.

According to 1st Lt. F.L. Bartlett, physical training officer, 78 per cent of the men taking the tests scored satisfactory averages. Last Fall, only 38 per cent were satisfactory.

Of the outfits taking the tests, 1st Weather was highest, with 94 per cent of its men being satisfactory. The 97th was second, with 84 per cent.

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97th Rolls On in Basketball League

Post basketball league results up to Wednesday failed to make much of a change in the standings except to bring the Quartermaster back up the ladder a notch, and to lower the 79th in the cellar a little lower.

Weather figured in both games played, losing to the Q.M. by 28–24, and whipping the 79th easily by 42-18. In both games a lad named Bower playing guard for the Forecasters went wild, tallying 15 against the 79th and 12 against the Q.M. Ed Macaulay also had 12 for the Weathermen in the 79th tilt.

Tippery was good for ten for the losers, while, Quartermaster guard, had a total of 17 to lead all the scorers.

Two games involving the 10th, one against the 97th and another against the 79th, still were hanging fire and were to be played later.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

(Including, Feb 1 games.)

97th	13	0	1.000
Quartermaster	9	5	.642
52nd	8	5	.615
10th	5	6	.454
78th	5	8	.385
Weather	6	8	.429
79th	3	9	.250

Cage Scorers . . .

Following are the leading scorers of the post basketball league:

Name, Team	Games	Points
Henry, 52nd	12	109
Macaulay, Weather	10	84
Murry, QM	11	82
Darnell, 52nd	13	72
Meltzer, Weather	10	71
Van Gundy, 97th	11	70
Gilbert, 78th	7	56
Hunt, 52nd	11	52
MacGlennon, QM	11	49
Bertino, 10th	8	40
Mootz, QM	11	38
Timko, 97th	6	38

LT. JENKINS STARS IN OFFICER LOOP CONTEST; HE TALLIES 26 POINTS

Although the Officers basketball league still is quiet because of winter training activities, two games were played during the past week. At Camp Beale, the Armored Division boys exacted revenge for an earlier loss and trimmed the CAAF boys 38-37.

But the Officer All-Stars avalanched the Orland Town Team, 51-10, later in the week. Captain A. W. Buck was high with 16 points, and Lt. T. S. Walker was good for ten.

In league play thus far, Captain Buck is leading scorer with 85 markers in six contests for an average of 14.1 per game. Lt. Manville Petteys of the Ground School is second with 72 in six games, and Lt. Sidney Story third with 67 in the same number of contests. Other include Lt. Leonard Boyd, 53; Lt. Bart Jenkins, 60; Lt. Jack Bowen, 50; Lt. Aron Rempel, 34.

Lt. Jenkins has the highest single game total, notching 26 as his team whipped the Liberators 77-26.

OFFICERS' BOWLING

Team	Won	Lost	Avg.
Sub–Depot	5	1	674
Medics	5	1	598
Kiwis	5	2	708
Q.M.	2	4	611
Hot Shots	1	5	619
Cadets	1	5	587

Wednesday's Results

Kiwis: Lt. Mills 395, Capt. Buntjer 344, Col. Toomey 484, Capt. Tyson 390, Lt. Williams 398, total 2011.

Sub–Depot: Lt. Brodzinski 386, Lt. Campbell 443, Lt. Sandages 409, Major Marth 372, Major Russell 474, total 2084.

Q.M.: Capt. Ritter 321, Lt. Zamzow 363, Lt. Williams 314, Lt. Ratliffe 387, Lt. Everson 506, total 1891.

Hot Shots: Major Winkelman 364, Capt. Buchanan 299, Lt. Nickerson 402, Capt. Little 326, Lt. Henderson 466, total 1857.

Medics: Capt. Rosen 353, Lt. Barkowskes 305, Capt. Mead 366, Lt. Brandt 332, Lt. Hatch 435, total 1791.

Cadets: Lt. Kotch 409, Capt. Martin 315, Lt. Brotherton 332, Lt. Conner 388, Lt. Weber 372, total 1761.

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At Post Library . . .

MY FAMILY, RIGHT OR WRONG, by John Philip Sousa, III, is a family portrait as outrageous as a surrealist painting of the Sousa family who normally functioned like a three-ring circus and were known to do even better with a little encouragement from the gallery.

Pop wanted to run everything; he was an honorary deputy sheriff, attended all fires, usually arriving well ahead of the fire department, was chairman of the annaul tennis tournament, and gave away the Ford car at the street dance, much to the disgust of the church ladies who had imported a movie star to do the honors.

Mrs. Sousa first conceived the idea of moving to Chilapa, California, because the children needed new winter overcoats; she thought it was "cheaper to transport them to a warmer climate than to shelter them against a cold one".

Nancy was youngest of the children and was "thought-repellent, much as a raincoat is waterproof". While she went to the movies Pop did her homework and she usually got up in the middle of meals to take a shower. Summer and winter she slept in a raccoon coat.

The arthor is of course the grandson of the world famous March King. There is, however, no mention of the old boy, and the only thing musical is the number of laughs to a page.

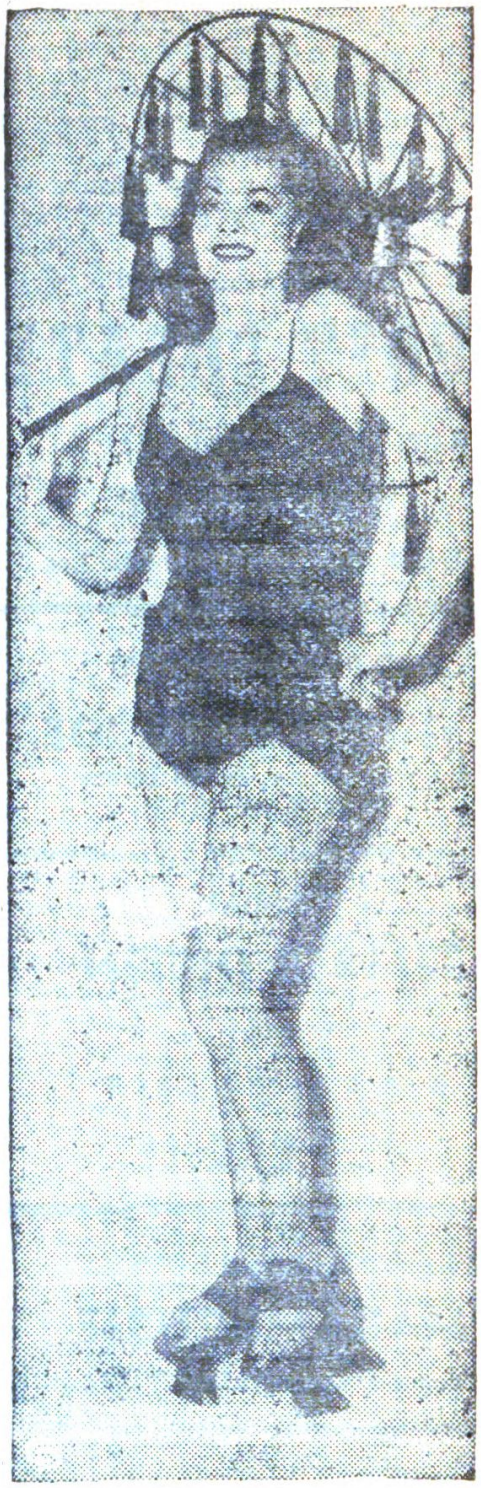
Openings Available As Weather Observers

There are now some openings in the weather station for men interested in becoming weather observers, according to Lt. Donald M. Gales, station weather officer.

They will be trained in the fundamentals of weather observing at the Chico station for a short period, and following training the student observer would receive the rating of corporal and go on regular duty in the station.

Any applicants are advised to contact one of the weather officers here as soon as possible. The main qualification is two years of high school mathematics or its equivalent. Call 215 or come to the weather station in Post Operations.

"Sun Goddess"



"SUN GODDESS 1944" is the title given to Eve Whitney, Hollywood starlet. Her costume certainly should let the sun get in its good work.

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CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 1944

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Confession, 0700; Mass, 0800 and 1740.

Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship 1030; sermon, "An Invitation to Adventude." Special music, Sgt. Harlow Ranton, baritone.

Vesper Service 1630; a fifty-minute sound, religious film, "The Power of God." will be presented.

Chaplain Dwight E. LaFollette

AT POST THEATER

SATURDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

LIFEBOAT

Tallulah Bankhead, Canada Lee

SUNDAY & MONDAY

A GUY NAMED JOE

Spencer Tracy, Irene Dunne

—MARCH OF TIME—

TUESDAY

TIMBER QUEEN

—and—

BEAUTIFUL BUT BROKE

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

MADAME CURIE

Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon

FRIDAY

THE RACKET MAN

Tom Neal, Jeanne Bates

News from 97th . . .

By Cpl Winn E. Coe

I don't think Sgt Chester P. Shaw ever expected to fly Miss Shaw in a link trainer, but such was the case when the WASPS got in their link time last week. There is no relationship. The girls are good link fliers and the link instructors are looking forward to the next WASP schedule.

The 97th played basketball against a picked team of cadets Tuesday night, and in a fast rough tussle beat the gadgets 44 to 20. Sgt Lindner was practically unconscious after seeing three long ones go thru, but after firing three additional ones from the same distance the crowd was unconscious. Sgt Lee slipped a silent one thru the bucket to take honors for the longest shot of the evening. The team would appreciate better attendance and it might win an additional game when we need it. Let's go.

A visit to the hospital discloses that Cpl Flock is progressing nicely after his operation. Sgt Prewitt is apparently well, if his actions are an indication, but will spend several days more on his forced vacation. Cpl Richard Jones, recently of the 10th entered the hospital Wednesday for an operation. Get over and see the boys as often as possible. They will be glad to tell you about their operations.

Cpl Kunar is out of the hospital and back on duty. Kunar said he received the best of care, and will soon be as good as new.

W. W. Barnes, of the Virginia Barnes, and formerly a link instructor, recently received his commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the Air Corps. Barnes took his training at Miami, Florida.

The 97th this week received a group of transfers from the 10th, hope they enjoy the long trek to the mess hall for breakfast. If there are any basketball players in this group, Sgt Torrence would be glad to have them report to him right away.

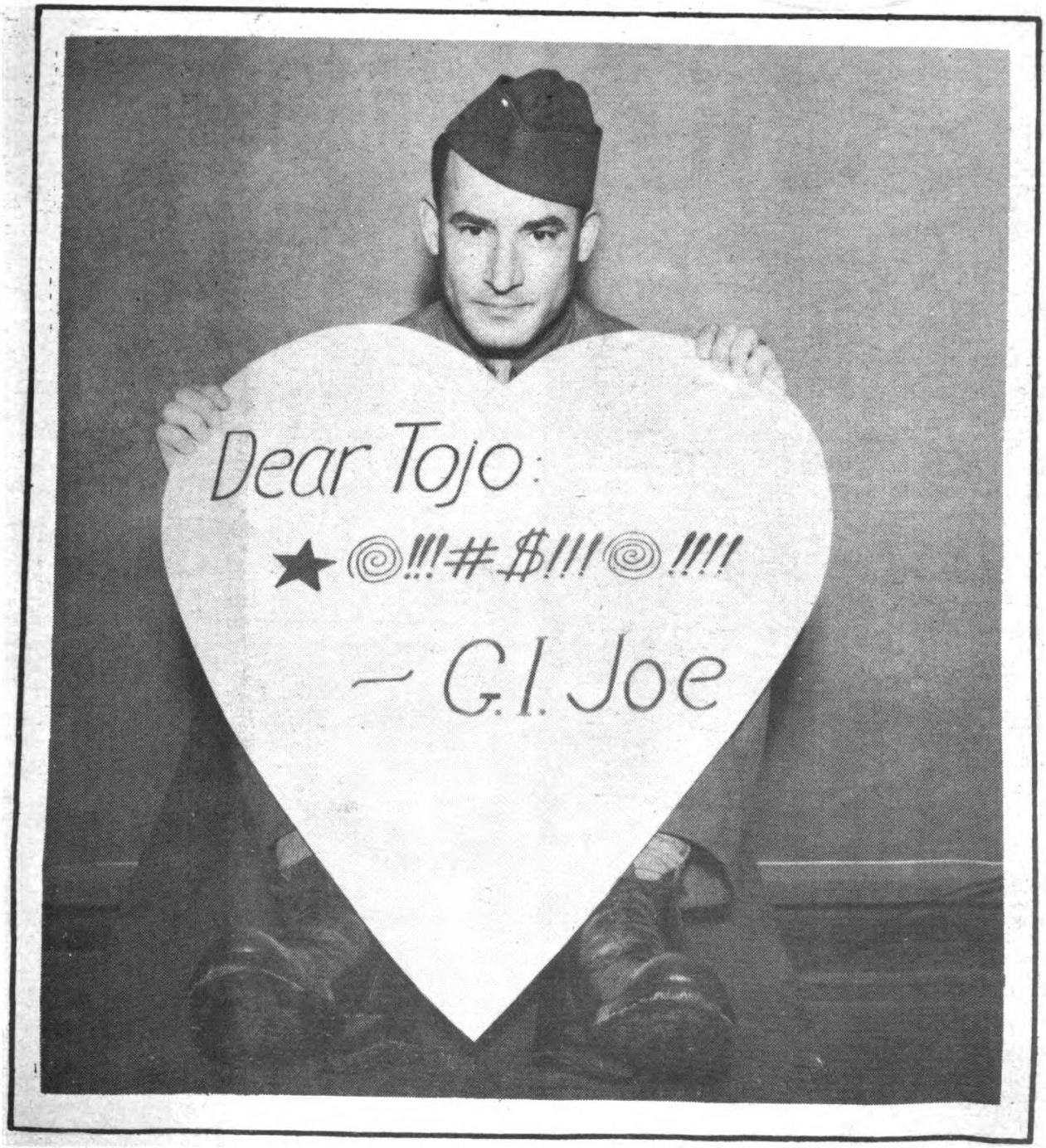
It Can't Happen Here!

Joe Williams wearing red swimming trunks. Sgt Lindner mailing out one copy of last weeks Flyer. Everyone in the squadron a key man. T/Sgt Graper putting his gang to bed quietly. No inspections for the link maintenance crew. Cpl Clark finding a plug of tobacco in his shoe.

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LET'S ALL BACK THE ATTACK

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Substantial Raise In Deductions for War Bonds Is Noted

There has been a substantial increase in the number of payroll reservations for purchase of United States War Bonds during the Fourth War Loan, 2nd Lt. Harriet S. Orvis, War Bond Officer, announced .

At the same time, the Finance Office reported that bonds totalling $18,500 in maturity value have been purchased outright on the post from 15 January to 7 February.

Monday of this week was one of the best days, 1st Lt. Donald F. Conrad of the Finance Office reported, with bonds worth $1300 maturity value being sold.

Lt. Orvis said that final figures will not be available until the Fourth War Loan is over, and payrolls checked .

Among civilian personnel, both of the station and 19th Sub Depot, the Fourth War Loan showed gratifying results.

Employees of the 19th Sub Depot were investing 10.65 per cent of their gross payroll in war bonds, while station employees were investing 11.27 per cent .

"THE INFORMER" FREE AT CHICO USO TONIGHT

Tonight the USO in Chico offers besides its regular Saturday night buffet supper, a free showing of the famous Academy Award picture, "The Informer," with Victor McLaglen, and a Valentine Dance.

The buffet is from 1830 to 1930, when the picture begins, and the dance runs from 2100 to 2330.

Next week the free movie, to which wives of soldiers are invited, is "Once Upon a Honeymoon."

The Cover . . .

The G.I. who had a succint Valentine message for Mr. Tojo is Cpl Gene Di-Virgilio of Lynn, Mass; by way of the 97th. We asked for a translation of the second line, but he said "You aren't old enough to hear such stuff."

LT. COL. HENRY RIEDEL IS TRANSFERRED

Lt. Col. Henry F. Riedel, post surgeon since December, 1942, has been transferred to a new station in Louisiana.

Acting post surgeon is Major Robert K. Curry, chief of surgical services. Lt. Col. Riedel came here from Victorville, but previously had been stationed at Moffett Field before the transfer to Chico. He is a resident of Portland, Ore.

78th Happy To Get Back to Chico Field

By J. HAINES

Once again I will try to give out with some news and highlights from the 78th. First I would like to take this opportunity to express how I feel and I'm sure all the other fellows feel the same way on returning to Chico Field. It's great to be back. On looking back it was a great experience.

I hope it isn't to late for our basketball team to show what they really can do. As you know our team was very hard hit with most of them going to Victorville. We were near the top when we left so come on fellows let's show them we can come back up.

I saw Sgt Bryant buy the WAC's in Victorville a case of beer. They even sang "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow". Can you blame them.

I would like to find out if anyone on the field has an extra alarm clock. It seems if Pvt Gilbertson can secure a clock he can begin house keeping in town.

While we were gone some of the boys were shipped to another field. We take this means of wishing them the best in all they do.

I wonder why the boys started calling S/Sgt Slosberg Junior?

T/Sgt Christensen and Saastad sure were glad to get back. I wonder why?

Cpl Schriever spent his first night in town at Red Bluff. Before going he sure put a shine on his shoes, especially the toes.

I wonder where T/Sgt Redel spent his first evening back. I can say he looked very sleeps the next day. She must be very nice from what I gather.

Major Freeman welcomed us back with open arms. Our 1st Sgt was there to greet us with a very wide smile.

Until next week I'll sign off.

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New Operations Officer Is CBI Theater Veteran

Announcement was made this week of the appointment of Major Hugh O'Daniel, veteran of Air Transport Command service in the China-Burma-India theater, as post operations officer .

1st Lt. James H. Robertson was named assistant operations officer.

Major O'Daniel was commissioned in August, 1932 and is a resident of Louisville, Ky. He attended the Universities of Kentucky and Texas, studying electrical engineering.

Before coming to CAAF, Major O'Daniel was stationed at Mather Field.

Sub Depots Lead in Officer Kegling Loop

Following are scores for this week in the Officers' League. Figures in parenthesis indicate the individual's average.

Sub-Depot: Lt. Brodzinski, 463 (189); Lt. Muller, 438 (146); Major Marth, 380 (121); Lt. Sandager, 435 (141); Lt. Campbell, 493 (157); Total pins 2209.

QM: Capt. Ritter, 353 (107; Lt. Williams, 372 (107); Lt. Ratliffe, 393 (121); Lt. Everson, 458 (163); Lt. Zamzow, 354 (128); Total pins 1930, handicap 129 total 2059.

Sad Sacks: Major Winkelman, 315 (113); Capt. Buchanan, 344 (107); Lt. Nickerson, 415 (136); Capt. Little, 280 (101); Lt. Henderson, 449 (153); Total pins 1803.

Cadets: Lt. Connor, 289 (103); Lt. Brotherton, 320 (107); Lt. Broad, 231 (77); Lt. Kotch, 295 (114); Lt. Weber, 356 (134); Total pins 1491.

Kiwis: Lt. Mills, 422 (149); Capt. Buntjer, 359 (123); Col. Toomey, 413 (149); Capt. Tyson, 370 (130); Lt. Williams, 462 (146); Total pins 2026.

Medics: Major Curry, 354 (118); Capt. Rossen, , 399 (119); Lt. Backowske, 301 (105); Lt. Brandt, 332 (116); Lt. Hatch, 309 (120); Total pins 1695, handicap 201 total 1896.

High team series; Sub-Depot 2209; high team single; Sub-Depot 796; high individual series; Lt. Campbell, Sub-Depot 493; high indivilual game; Lt. Brodzinski, Sub-Depot 181.

Two New Training Groups Organized

In a reorganization of the departments of training and flying training this week two new training groups were created and several new officer assignments were made.

Heading the department of training is Lt. Col. Charles W. Thaxton, while Major Jerald F. Holzapfel was made deputy director of training. Succeeding him as director of flying training is Major Malcolm S. Anderson, former CO of Training Group II. 1st Lt. Merlin V. Lamb is school secretary.

Major Jack A. Murphy remains as CO of Training Group I, with Captain A. W. Buck as executive officer. Captain Buck formerly was a squadron commander.

Heading Training Group II is Captain Robert C .Chatfield ,and executive officer is Captain Paul O. McCoy. Captain William J. McAdam, Jr., is commanding officer of the newly created Training Group III, with Captain Paul J. Muldoon as executive officer.

Captain Joseph X. Bell is the commanding officer of Training Group IV, also newly created, and Captain Robert G. Hochuli was named executive officer.

Major C. J. Sheelar, former deputy director of training, has been named Air Inspector, with Captain L. W .Beal Assistant Air Inspector.

Woman's Bowling Record Set By Sub-Depot Employee

Jean Bettencourt, a 19th Sub Depot employee, smashed the alley record for the women's three game series at the Chico Bowl the other night, knocking over 604 pins to best a mark of 600 previously set by Doris Christensen, also a CAAF worker.

Miss Bettencourt's high single game of 232 set a Chico City League women's mark for this season.

On the post alley Aviation Cadet Shanahi was high for the week with 227, while last week it was T/Sgt P.J. Harrington with 247. Lorene Summers with 209 is high for women.

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Our White Star

OUR cross and our flag were world symbols long ago—a promise to all men that a Christian republic stood among the nations as a bulwark and a refuge. Now, American flyers returning from the ends of the earth tell us that a third symbol is everywhere recognized. That emblem is the white star of the Army Air Forces.

Above the Naga Hills, under Karachi's staring sun, in the wind-driven rime of the Bering Sea and across a thousand savage islands our white star glows. Is it merely the symbol of the power that shall break the Hun in his own cities and punish the Jap until he surrenders or dies? It is much more than this. We have other missions beyond the grim duty of slaughter. Our white star bids us strive to protect every American boy and allied warrior who fights in our common cause. We pledge to them the speed of our aircraft, the skill of our flyers' art, the weight of our guns and bombs.

Father of mercies, Judge of the right, keep us ever watchful over the lost battalion and the U-boat-hounded convoy. Help us to guard the fleet in deadly peril of enemy bombers, the stricken village where women and children pray to see our star. Guide us swift to a forlorn beachhead, the ambushed jungle column and the hard pressed tank division. At first light may they greet us cheering and at nightfall may they live because we came.

And then—on the day of victory—may we remember that air power, so decisive in war, is the good sweet hope that war will not come again. Men of the Army Air Forces, let us vow, by the Cross and the Flag, that our White Star shall fulfill the real promise, the three-fold promise of American air power. To tyrants, death! To slaves, liberty! To free men—peace!

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

QUARTERMASTER COLUMN . . .

by PETER

My, it was thrilling. Perhaps only once in a lifetime would one witness such a spectacle. There at the top of the mountain, skiis flashing in the morning sun, stood "Snow King" Liescheidt. He's off!!! The resounding plaudits of the crowd echo through the majestic pines. Wheee, oooops, ooooop, something's wrong. He's down—but not before he had covered the incredible distance of two feet.

Gawd, it was awful. There lay "Snow King"—a flailing mass of legs and skiis. Frankly, John had as much luck skiing as a gandy dancer trying to work a jigsaw puzzle with the nine day trembles.

John's final comment—Skiing is just like being a floor walker in a phone booth. It has its limitations.

Tom Ogden and Bob Van Housen could stand a few c.c.'s of digitalis. They seem to be just like Jake Young's automobile—always in a run down condition.

I cant vouch for this one. McManus said Lt. Williams recently answered the phone with these words: "Ford garage, Ford speaking."

Tenth Column . . . Martin Makes Headlines

Sgt. P. W. ("Fightin' Phil from fair Rhode Island") Martin, the boy with the G. I. haircut, tried to convince a few soldiers that he is a basketball player, but as yet no one has seen him out for the manpower-short 10th cage team . . . incidentally, Fightin' Phil has gotten more attention since he got that cannonball haircut than he has for months (Martin wanted us to get his name in the paper, and if he hadn't pestered the writer so often, we wouldn't have had all this Martin propaganda in the column) . . . T/Sgt P. J. Harrington was high man in the post bowling alleys the past week with a 247, and it somehow missed our attention . . . full apologies to the genial P. J., who deserves a plug for a score like that . . . well, the 10th lost a few men, but if we hear a loud voice from up at the other end of the field, we'll know it's Cpl. Phil Jones . . . if you want to know who'll win the war and when, consult H. B. Kaltenborn Kroner in the War Room . . . Sgt. George Miller had a little trouble the other night operating the movie projector at the USO, but now claims everything is smooth, and that a professional job is assured . . . saludos to Sgt. Charles Cluff, whose cartoon first appears on the inside back cover of the Flyer this week.

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CORPS OF ENGINEERS . . .

We have it on good authority that Sgt Ryan was seen in town early this week applying for a refund on the binoculars he purchased recently.

A divorce seemed eminent in the Willard Seifert family Tuesday evening. Eileen had spent a harrowing hour at the beauty salon, and when she came home was shocked to have Willard take one look at her - - then say, "Whats the matter? Couldn't they wait on you?"

A letter from John Dunlap says that the snow in Utah is quite a contrast to California's—ahem—Sunshine.

Captain Tyson and Lt. Mills are undergoing an extensive training program for their bowling tournaments with the rest of the field. The Captain has cut down to 3 cigars a day, while the Lt. is smoking only1 package of cigarettes.

Norma's up-swept coiffure has slipped with too much California sunshine, and is now better described as windblown!

The men in the garage are about to unveil a new bulldozer. Revamped, and streamlined, it promises to be a whooper dooper(*1). To Captain Tyson, the honor of driving it on its initial trip has been awarded. It was originally a dirt mover - - but rumor has it at present as a cross between a helicopter and an amphibious tank, and as such, the results of its operations can not at this time be revealed, or guaranteed.

*1 Whooper dooper - - Stupendous, magnif icent.

Some evening as we leave this post,
The planes fly over, an avenging host.
There silver wings 'gainst the sunset spread.
Are an unsung tribute to Bataan's unnamed dead.
They speak the thoughts in the minds of men,
Who have used their reserves of strength - - and then
Have found the courage to fight their way
Into the dawn of yet another day.
Who know the horror of a bomb's welrd shriek,
And the agony as their fingers seek
The fading pulse of a life long friend,
To wait in silence for that life to end.
They've watched men dying. have heard their cry..
Unheeding - - Unthinking - - Was it you or I
Who spoke out of turn, the words on our lips
Changing to swords with poisoned tips?

Motor Transportation . . .
"KEEP 'EM ROLLING"

It seems as though the "Literary Geniuses" of the Motor Pool let the gang down last week. We are not trying to give out excuses, but to those who have not had the experience with the workings of Motor Transportation do not realize the toil connected with it; but now that we have a breathing period, we will make an effort to re-establish ourselves.

Today, a gloom hangs over the office- -for a fair damsel is ill among the pines in the city of Paradise. This fair damsel is none other than Ernie - - Ah! Says a S/Sgt; E-R-N-I-E.

"Dootch" Gerome has been quite busy painting and keeping up the 1st echelon on his Reconaissance Car. Wonder why he keeps his vehicle looking its best at all times?? Is it because he takes those pretty telephone operators back and forth from work??? Could be!!!

Another one of our fortunate drivers is (Slim) Duensing, who escorts the good looking Sub-Depot girls here and there around the post. Making any progress, Slim???

"Chubby" Sandagato has been sweating out a furlough back to the "Big city of Brooklyn" to see his folks - - - - and, we must not forget his one and only!!!!!

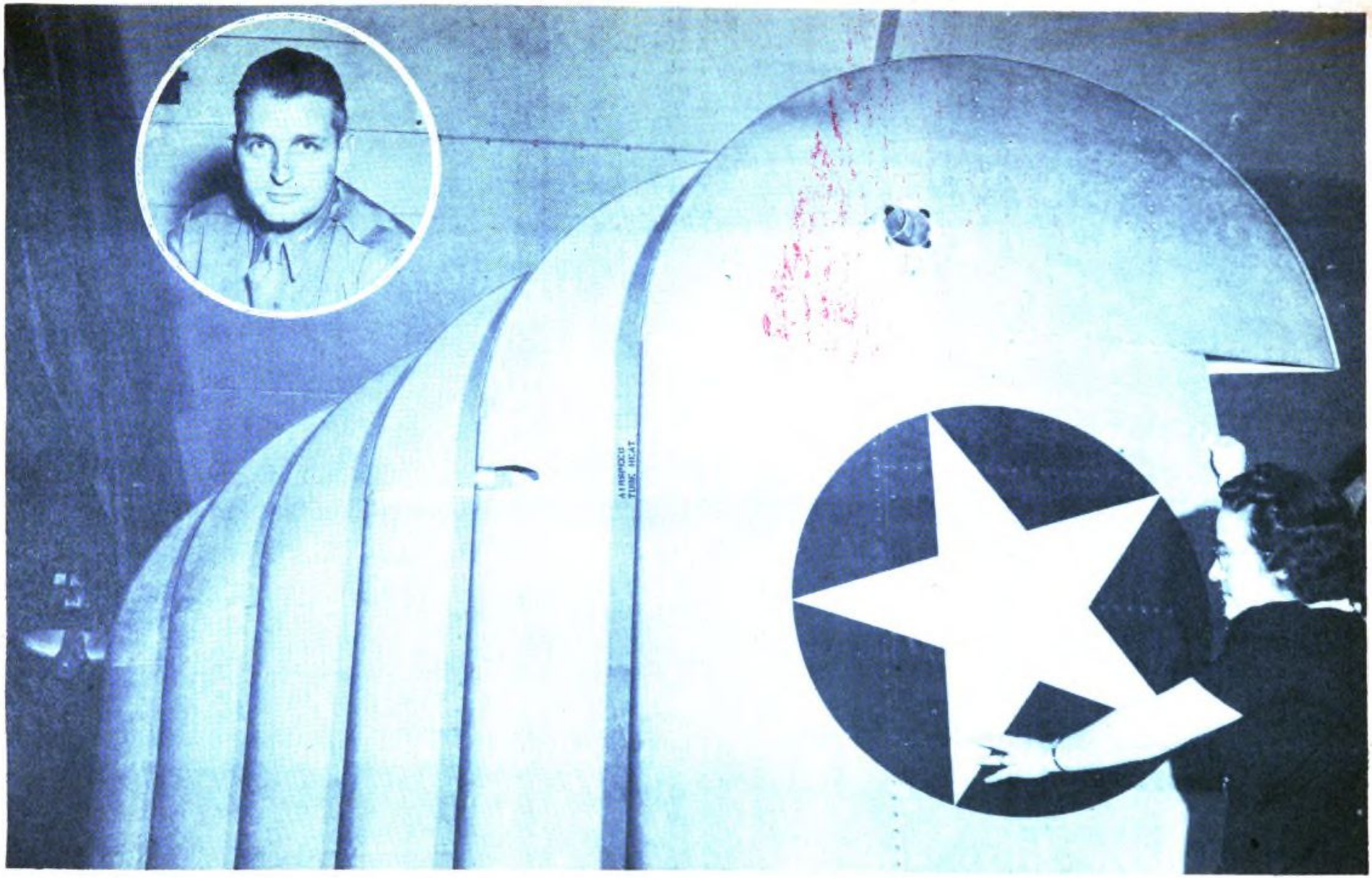
We introduce two of our newest drivers, S/Sgt Van Housen and Pfc (Slim) Ogden, who recently came to our organization from the QM warehouses. So far they are doing right well; wonder how they like their new duties?

Tom Durham and Smitty Schmidtgall on the alert during noon hour, holding down the sofa and easy chairs in the dayroom. Good thing that sofa isn't any shorter, Tom or you would have to sit instead of resting so beautifully. Smitty was doing real good also, wonder how much wood he got sawed. We have two night men, Swede Hendrickson and Kingcade that hold down the sofa and easy chairs at night, - - - so there isn't much chance of these chairs and sofa walking off.

We will sign off now with more about our personnel next week.

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There is a certain beauty of form about most everything, including these airplane wings neatly stacked in special racks at the air control surfaces warehouse of the 19th Sub Depot. Gertrude Sullivan, a veteran of eight months with the Sub Depot, stands by. Inset is Major Hugh J. Marth, commanding officer.

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Francine O'Hair, pretty sheet metal shop employee, demonstrates that vital war work doesn't keep the present day miss from being attractive.

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Busy spray painting air control surfaces in the 19th Sub Depot paint shop is Hazel Boynton, who has been helping "keep 'em flying" at CAAF for a year.

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Packing a parachute is an intricate job, but it's one that Martha Vind-hurst, above, has been doing for 19 months at the 19th Sub Depot.

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Billeting Service for All CAAF Personnel

All military personnel are invited to make use of the services offered by the newly organized Billeting Office, located in Building T-64, on First St., near the lower gate. The telephone extension is 267.

G. I. QUIZ

(Special Services Orientation Program)

1. Argentina is the last of the South American republics to sever relations with the Axis. How many of these republics are at war with the Axis?

2. True or false: Argentina ranks first in size among the South American nations; second in the Western Hemisphere?

3. According to German sources, Allied planes bombed "southwestern Danubia" last week. Without consulting a map, can you name the countries(pre-war) which border the Danube along it's 1,750 mile course?

4. Last week the Admiralty Islands were in the news. Where are thy?

5. Identify these men by the statements they made last week. An Allied commander in the Central Mediterranean: "Everything is going wonderfully." An American production chief: "The war production program is now in high gear and has settled down for the long pull." A Cabinet member: "By the end of this year.....two-thirds of the Army will be overseas."

1. Three. Bolivia and Brazil have declared war on the Axis. Columbia has declared a state of belligerency.

2. False Argentina is second in size in South America; Brazil is larger. And in the Western Hemisphere, Argentina is fourth—Canada, Brazil and the U. S. (in that order) prcede her.

3. Germany, Austria , Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Rumania and Bulgaria.

4. Directly north of the central part of New Guinea, forming the northern tip of the Bismark Archipelago.

5. Gen. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander; Donald Nelson, head of WPB; Secretary of War Stimson.

ALL CIVILIAN WORKERS INVITED TO DANCE

Every civilian employee of the Chico Army Air Field is invited to the Valentine's Day dance Monday night at Memorial hall in Chico ,and may bring one guest. The affair is sponsored by the newly-expanded CAAF Welfare Association, formerly the 19th Sub Depot Welfare Association.

Chairman for the event is Cleadys Poole, assisted by Millicent Griffin, W. S. Rockey, Jeanne L. Walker, Dean Cowger, Marjorie Becker and Al Miles.

There will be refreshments, and music by the Wings of Swing. Dancing will be from 8 to 12.

News from the 79th . . .

Our squadron C. O. thanks all of those who were able to buy a bond on payday. A sum of more than 600 dollars in cash was subscribed to the cause. After all, it is placing your bet on a sure winner.

Daisy Mae of Sadie Hawkins fame had Lil Abner De Chenne in her power a week ago last Saturday night at Paradise. Was it Paradise, really, Sgt?

From observattion, Izaak Walton spoke for many of our squadron when he said:

Oh, the gallant fisher's life;
It's the best of any,
'Tis full of pleasure, void of strife
And 'tis beloved by many .

Women do wonders, even for PLM. Example: Sgt. M. A. Mitchell works twice as hard and fast on week ends, when he has his wife in Chico. Right, Sgt?

We welcome back to CAAF last week a majority of the men who had spent the past three weeks in "Sunny Southern California." They all seemed to be glad to get back to Chico.

Orchids of the week go to the men that "Kept 'Em Flying" at Victorville. They are the subject of a great many compli-marks. There is always a great personal satisfaction in a job well done.

Five of the boys left for Cadet Training last Saturday. We wish them the best of luck. It seems we are busy these days saying good-bye to a number of the "old timers." Cpl. Wages, the ghost writer of this article the past three weeks, has been transferred, too.

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Weather Makes Big Advance as Cagers

It was double victories and double trouble for all teams which saw action this week in the CAAF basketball league.

Of course the high flying 97th Hotshots annexed both of their games, as did Weather. But the 79th and 10th each dropped a pair.

S/Sgt. Torrence's five clicked to easily smother the 10th, 41-17 as Bob Van Gundy tallied ten points along with Guard Smith. Sgt. Bill Bertino had eight for the losers, all scored in the second half, and Sgt. N. B. King tallied six.

In their second tilt, the Hotshots slaughtered the hapless 79th by 53 to ten as Van Gundy and Timko teamed up to do most of the killing. Timko was good for 12 points and the little corporal swished 17 through the net. Lampson and Cussio each had four markers for the losers.

In the best game of the week, Weather defeated the Tenth by 42-36, with Ed Macaulay and Slack each knocking off 16 points, while Sgt. Bertino again topped his team mates with the same number.

In the second Weather victory, the 79th went down 32-17, with Slack of Weather this time topping his teammate Macaulay with 12 points to the latter's eight. Tippery of the losers had six, and Cussio five.

Cpl. Macaulay Goes on Hoop Scoring Spree

Tall, lanky Cpl. Ed Macaulay of Weather this week became a threat to the basketball scoring leadership of Cpl. Cleon Henry of the Bombers, when he tallied 24 points in two games to bring his total to 108 for twelve games. Cpl. Henry has one more tally in the same number of contests.

At the same time Cpl. Bob Van Gundy of the league leading Hotshots added 27 markers in two tilts to bring his total to 97 and third place.

Both Henry and S/Sgt. Johnny Murry of the Q. M. were idle during the week. The latter still had 82 points for fourth place, ten ahead of Pvt. Darnell of the Brown Bombers.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Including 8 February's games)

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
97th	15	0	1.000
Quartermaster	9	5	.642
Brown Bombers	8	5	.615
Weather	8	8	.500
Tenth	5	8	.385
78th	5	8	.385
79th	3	11	.214

ESSAY WRITTEN ON BEING EAGER BEAVER

The somewhat dubious distinction of being the year's "eager beaver" and advancing the swimming season about three months fell this week to Flight Officer Vernon D. Grund.

Or it might be said that he fell to the distinction.

F/O Grund was inspecting the officers' swimming pool, which had been filled and a diving board put in place for photographic purposes. He walked around the pool, and stepped out on the spring board.

But the board wasn't fastened to the p l a t f o r m. And Flight Officer Grund said that the fact that he was fully dressed didn't make the water any warmer.

Big Words Fail to Make a 4F

Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. (CNS)—A draftee gave this reason for seeking a deferment: Convalescing from a traumatic perishovitis of the flexor digitorum sublimis in profundis muscle at the metacarpophalangeal joint. The Army said no, a sore finger wasn't a good enough excuse.

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BASE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE . . .

Back to stay or just on pass? That is the question which has arisen since the boys have returned from their station at Victorville. From what we hear, it seems that dear old Chico Field is a garden spot and the boys certainly appreciate being back after being isolated out on the desert for nearly a month. Seems that old man weather will decide whether the grease monkeys will remain here or go back for another short stay.

The planes which came back are all being given a thorough check up and should the time to leave again arise, there will be no delays. It is rumored that anyone complaining about the long working hours here should go to Victorville if they think they deserve a break. There they only work thirty-six hours a day. Yes sir fellas—our mothers all told us there would be days like these, but she didn't say how many.

Anew addition to the office force at B.A.M. is Miss Barbara Zumwalt who hails from the Chaplain's office. Previously she was employed in the Civilian Personnel office and from what we see and hear, she is making friends fast. Lots of luck to you Barbara and we hope you enjoy working with us just as much as we enjoy having you. No kiddin.

Zoot Suiters?- - well, it might just as well be that. At any rate, Cpl Whipple and S/Sgt West are gradually coming up in this world. The latter has begun wearing shoes to work and the other is coming to work in his best bib and tucker. Amazing what a woman can do, eh boys?

We don't know where everyone got the idea B.A.M. was having OPEN HOUSE, but the day after our one and only B.Z. took office, the place resembled an ant hill - - - - People coming and going. Reason? Well, it was the first time many of them had ever seen a woman.

Cpl Stempniewski has taken over as Operations Clerk in Flight I. ..... Pfc Swenson is enjoying his furlough in Washington. Hope you get some skiing time in, Swenson —latest reports are that there are several inches of snow on the ground.....That's all for now folks. We hope our regular reporter will be back with us for the next edition of the Flyer.

AT THE POST LIBRARY . . .

"Where's Sammy?"

By Sammy Schulman

President Roosevelt's first words, when the notables were assembled for the Casablanca Conference, were "Where's Sammy?". The president knows that this irrepressible International News photographer is usually present any place in the world where a big at hand, ready to make the best pictures of story is breaking. Sure enough, Sammy was the Casablanca Conference, and to get them home before all others.

"Where's Sammy?" is the kaleidoscopic story of a new kind of newspaper man—the reporter with a camera. Sammy Schulman ignored danger whenever there was a picture to be made; nor did he scruple too much as to the means by which he achieved some of his biggest scoops. He has covered many of the most important news events of our time. He has followed President Roosevelt from the time he was Governor of New York State, photographed the Lindbergh flight and kidnapping stories ,royal marriages, the coronation of Pope Pius XII, the Russo-Finnish war and the North African invasion. His story, edited by Robert Considine, who did such a magnificent job on Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo, is full of a fresh brand of adventure, uninhibited humor and the flavor of a unique personality .

At the USO

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Once upon a Honeymoon

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POST CHAPEL

Dwight E. LaFollette
Post Chaplain

SUNDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 1944
SUNDAY SERVICES

Catholic Mass at 0800 and 1740.
(Father Patrick Cronin)

Protestant Morning Service (time to be announced Saturday over the P. A. system). Sermon, "What Matters?" Vesper Service at 1630. Holy Communion.

BOWLING NOTES . . .

OFFICERS' LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	Avg.
Sub-Depot	8	1	.889	695
Kiwis	7	2	.778	697
Medics	5	4	.556	587
Sad Sacks	4	5	.444	610
Q. M.	2	7	.222	620
Cadets	1	8	.111	557

Col. Hoyle's Former Command a Year Old

The AAF advanced pilot school at Marfa, Texas, of which Colonel Gerald Hoyle was first commanding officer, observed its first anniversary Tuesday with a review and graduation of its twelfth class.

Principal speaker was Brigadier General Alvin C. Kinkaid, commanding general of the 37th Flying Training Wing. At the same time residents of the surrounding territory were invited to inspect the field by Colonel Donald B. Phillips, C.O.

AT POST THEATER

SATURDAY, 12 FEBRUARY

CONEY ISLAND
Betty Grable, George Montgomery
Cesar Romero

SUNDAY and MONDAY

STANDING ROOM ONLY
Fred MacMurray, Paulette Goddard, Roland Young

TUESDAY

SWINGTIME JOHNNY
Andrews Sisters, Harriet Hilliard

—also—

NABONGA
Buster Crabbe, Fifi Dorsey

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

JANE EYRE
Orson Welles, Joan Fontaine

FRIDAY

PHANTOM LADY
Franchot Tone, Ella Raines

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Salutes Bother Soldier With 4-Star Auto Tag

Gunter Field, Ala. (CNS)—Sgt. James Housh wondered why everyone aluted him as he drove by in a staff car. At his first stop, he found out the reason. A tag bearing four stars on a red background had been placed on the car by mistake.

Gen. Marshall Invades Kitchen; Casualties Light

Honolulu (CNS)—Gen. George C. Marshal, Army Chief of Staff, won't bust into Sgt. Edward Carlo's kitchen again.

Paying a visit to Oahu Island, Gen. Marshall stepped into Sgt. Carlo's mess. Startled at seeing a four star general, Carlo and two privates tried to salute with a pan of hot water in their hands. The general was generously splashed.

Fight, Squadrons, Fight!

Ho, Squadrons, ho! Our White Star rideth high.
And Kitty Hawk where we were born so lowly
Hath naught to give us now—but genius. Fly,
Squadrons, fly! The pusher-kites are gone and nothing
They bequeath is left—save daring. Soar, Squadrons,
Soar! The tides of Mars have swept us far
From weedy fields in France, where Rick and Luke
And Lufberry set free their spirit's fire;
Dive, Squadrons, dive! The German cities burn
From sparks struck long ago; great Mitchel's heart
And Maitlands faith were legacy enough
For Wagner, Kelly, Doolittle. The Japs
Remember them. Cheer, Squadrons, cheer! Our Corps
Is rich indeed. We count the nameless flyers
Bereft of youth and life, who from the sky
Fell flaming—and made us heirs to glory.

Pray, Squadrons, pray: that we who have
Inherited this dream, this gallantry,
This Air Corps of the Army—never halt.
On, Squadrons, on! Each chain we break, each prison
Wall that topples, and every cry of freedom
In the night—but build our own estate,
Till flight on flight we pass, while trumpets call
Our last review. So let us bear ourselves
That we may say: "Dear sons, we leave you all
Bright honor sent us forth to win. No gold,
Nor gems, nor ought that tinkles in the market
Place—but merely this: The hate of tyrants doomed,
The love of slaves set free! Fight, Squadrons, fight.

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

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AAF Has Trained 100,799 Pilots Since 1939

Fort Worth, Texas—The scope, complexity and volume of individual training required to produce the manpower for the world's greatest air force now numbering in excess of 2,300,000 officers and enlisted men were revealed here today when the AAF Training Command made public for the first time statisics on nearly five years of AAF training.

It was an unusual announcement – – the first of its kind authorized by the War Department since Pearl Harbor. It involved the publication of facts and figures which had heretofore been treated as "confidential."

The figures show that 100,799 pilots, 20,086 bombardiers, 18,805 navigators, 107,218 aerial flexible gunners, and 555,891 ground and air combat crew technicians have been graduated from the Training Command's nationwide network of flying and technical schools from January 1, 1939, to November 30, 1943.

The totals reflected clearly the colossal, compex mission of the Training Command which is charged with the responsibility of training ,as individuals, all AAF personell, including pilots, bombardiers, navigators, gunners and 65 different categories of technicians.

With the exception of 3,491 glider pilots, 2,348 laison pilots, and 444 women pilots, most of the 100,799 pilots are qualified either as fighter or bomber combat fliers.

The figures of 555,891 technicians represents only the number graduated from basic courses. It, therefore, does not show the total number of technicians produced nor does it give a true picture of the extensive technical training given. It includes 240,360 airplane mechanics, 100,339 radio operator mechanics, 70,166 armorers, 46,052 clerks, and 98,974 specialists lumped under the heading of "miscellaneous." This latter group covers about 25 different categories, including among others, sheet metal workers, parachute riggers and repairmen, welders, instrument men, link trainer operators, cryptographers, photographers and photo technicians, tire rebuilders, and special purpose motor vehicle maintenance men.

In addition to the well over a half million basic,technical course graduates, 64,230 were graduated from officers' courses, 114,082 from factory courses, and 52,198 from advanced courses. Although the majority of the individuals included in these three totals came from the 555,891 graduates of basic courses, a good many came from duty assignments with the various Air Forces and other commands, or from the basic training centers, where the AAF classification system indicated that they were well enough qualified to by–pass the basic technical courses.

Because most gunners on heavy and medium bombers "double in lead" as technicians, a high percentage of the 107,218 graduates of the flexible gunnery courses had also completed successfully the basic technical courses in mechanics, radio or armament.

Sad Sack Originals to Decorate Snackery

When you drop in at the "Sad Sack Snackery," the line's dining car with a historical background, there'll be more than coffee and doughnuts to remind you of YANK's famous soldier character, the Sad Sack.

For in the panels on the walls occupied by advertising cards when the dining car was running on the line between Chico and San Francisco in the old days, will be large photostatic copies of most of the Sad Sack Cartoons which have appeared in YANK.

Sgt George Baker, creator of perhaps the best known buck private in the army, sent the copies with the hope that "they do their bit in enhancing the motif of the 'Sad Sack Snackery.' "

Last Man of Victorville Detachment Returns Here

CAAF's Victorville detachment has returned to the home base after about a month at the southern desert field, and most of them allow as how the homespot isn't so bad after all.

Cpl Theodore M. (Deacon) Elder had the honor of being the last CAAF man home. He is a clerk in the cadet orderly room here.

The first elements of the detachment, which was under command of Major L.V. Call, left here 8 January

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Many CAAF Motorists Fail In Share The Ride Plan

Going my way, soldier?

If you are, how about a ride, because many automobile drivers from the post are falling down on the "share the ride" plan. Too many nearly empty cars are seen both on the post and to and from town.

It has come to the attention of the Employee Transportation Office that CAAF motorists could do much better in sharing the rides.

The office, which is located in Building T-64 (on First Street near the lower gate) maintains a directory showing neighborhoods in which car owners live, and their duty hours. If you need a ride, or have room for more passengers, drop down and see them, or call 267.

$31 In Prizes Offered For Insignia Design

Got any artistic talents now working now, soldier?

Do you need money? Of course, who doesn't.

Well, we know of an outlet for your artistic talent and a chance to win some easy money, too.

The post is offering $31 in prizes for the eleven best designs submitted for an insignia distinctive to Chico Army Air Field. All designs are to be submitted to Major Ben H. Winkelman, special services officer

The insignia, which should contain a feature distinctive to this area or this field, may be used for stenciling or painting on airplanes, in mess hall decorations, recreation buildings or on stationary.

First prize is $10, two second prizes of five dollars, three of two dollars each and five of one dollar each. Last date for entries is March 11, 1944.

Memphis (CNS)–Henry Reynolds saw a blond lugging a huge package into the post office. Chivalrously he offered his aid. The heavy bundle taxed his slight physique but, after three stops for breath, he finally made it. "Thanks," said the blond. "Come and see the show tonight. T'm May Young, the woman wrestler."

10th COLUMN

A Report From The Italian Front

WITH THE 10th's CORRESPONDENT IN ITALY – – – S/Sgt Ralph Schifano and S/Sgt James R. Guiliano, the tenth's two most prominent overseas correspondents, are back together again in an Allied Control Commission o¾ce somewhere in Italy after having gone seperate ways in North Africa.

They both work in the same big modern building, according to a letter from S/Sgt Schifano to 1st Sgt Carlton L. Kuchinski, top kick of the 10th. S/Sgt Schifano reveals that men of the first three grades enjoy the privileges of a seperate mess served by civilians, and from plates.

He says the food is swell and plenty of it, quarters are okay, and the only drawback is the absolute abscence of night life, due to a strict 7 p.m. curfew. However, a few of the neighborhood movie houses have been taken over by the army and provide a littl eentertainment.

S/Sgt Schifano set up the courts- boards-claims section, and relays his thanks to Captain Arthur U. Hooper, and Lt. Jack Jennings, his former superiors at CAAF, for all they taught him here.

"I wouldn't trade my position here for a commission in spite of hardship and tough sledding accompanying the trip out here.

"To fully detest war one must in person witness the seemingly irreplaceable destruction and demolition of towns and the disintegration of life. . ."

He sent his regards to Cpl Larry May, Cpl Harold Jefferson, S/Sgt Chadwick and S/Sgt Musante, all of the 10th, and the rest of the outfit.

The feature of this week has to do with the plight of Cpl Joe Siligato and his ill-fated car on a recent trip to the mountains . . . . . it srumored that Pfcs Cranston and Ryan are angling to get their pictures in print . Phil Martin makes the column for the second straight week for his furlough–eagerness. . . one of the Tenth's combat veterans, T/Sgt Greer was awarded his group presidential citation the other day, with the outfit doing the retreat parade honors.

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Meat Expert To Lecture Before Mess Personnel

General Mess personnel of Chico Army Air Field will receive some valuable tips on cutting and preparation of meat Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the lower mess hall when Mr. D.P. Tyler, meat specialist of the National Live Stock and Meat Board, presents four demonstrations.

These demonstrations are being brought to selected Army Air Fields throughout the country through the Air Quartermaster and the Food Service Section of the Quartermaster General.

Of special interest in conection with Mr. Tyler's program will be his meat cutting demonstrations featuring methods of cutting beef, veal, pork and lamb, which have been developed specifically for Army use. Another interesting phase will center around the subject of meat cookery. The Board's representative will point out the importance of adapting the cooking method to the cut. He will also emphasize the value of low temperatures in conserving meat, and the fact that low temperatures also provide a juicier and more appetizing meat dish than when high temperatures are used.

Other subjects to be covered by Mr. Tyler during the three-day session include the nutritive value of meat, the relation of menu planning to the efficient use of meat, the conservation of fats, carving and serving meat, refrigeration, sanitation, the storage and isuse of meat, and the care of meat tools, meat blocks and cutting tables.

The program is being arranged especially for mess officers, mess sergeants and cooks, but will also be of interest to other officers and enlisted personell.

100 Per Cent P. T.

Participation in physical training soared during the past week, with all but five organizations achieving 100 per cent, the first time since the P.T. program was inaugurated that such a number of organizations have made a perfect rating. 1st Lt. F.L. Bartlett is post physical training officer

Major Carroll L. Womack Named Post Surgeon

Chico Army Air Field's new post surgeon is Major Carroll L. Womack, who was transferred here from Merced Army Air Field. He succeeds Lt. Col. Henry F. Riedel.

Major Womack entered the army at Las Vegas, Nev., on Aug. 12, 1942, after having practiced in Carlsbad, New Mexico. There he owned and operated a clinic.

The new post surgeon, who came originally from Texas, is a graduate of Baylor University ,with M.D. degree in 1930. In Carlsbad he was a member of the Rotary and Elks club, and of the State, County and American Medical Associations.

He is married and has two sons.

New Catholic Chaplain Has Served Overseas

Chaplain (Capt) Joseph G. Daly, Chico Army Air Field's first Catholic chaplain, surveyed CAAF with satisfaction when he arrived here, for the physical work of pioneering had been finished.

But it wasn't always that way for Captain Daly, who has served over two years in the Caribbean Defense Command, and who usually had to take a pick and shovel with him to a new station.

"At an air field in Jamaica we had an empty barracks for the chapel, library, recreation hall, and class rooms. After spending a year with this arrangement, we finally were given a barracks all to ourselves for a chapel.

"With the help of some of the men we made a fine chapel out of the building. When we were through it looked better than the usual army chapel building."

One of the bakers in the field's mess, he related, not only decorated the altar but was post organist.

Chaplain Daly is from Bronx, N. Y., and was with the Mission Church in Roxbury, Mass., before he entered the army in March, 1941.

"Every post at which I've been stationed, I've been the first Catholic chaplain. In fact at one post in the Caribbean, I was chaplain for the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths."

He announced that mass wil lbe said each week day at 1900 in the chapel.

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News Notes from 97th . . .

Howard's Hot Shots, with no losses in league competition, are the basketball champs of CAAF for this season. Four games remain to be played, with the outcome having no effect on the final standings. The boys are to be congratulated on a fine season. A game will be scheduled with Chico Sate College next week. Watch the bulletin board for the date.

The squadron personell is back to normal with the return of the boys who went to Victorville. The reports vary, but all agree Chico is a darned good field and they are all glad to be back.

Go to the orderly room and sign up for the squadron dance to be held in the Oakes hotel, March 11. Everyone is requested to get his name down early so that all arrangements may be made for even a bigger and better party than the last one, which was declared by all to have been the best party attended on this field. Do it today.

M/Sgt Hare and S/Sgt Clawson were playing pool the other day. S/Sgt Hupman, not entirely satisfied with the progress of the game added a couple of extra balls without their knowledge. Clawson finally called a combination twelve ball on the twelve ball without noticing the setup. He missed the shot!

On Friday, February 11th, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hill, of Chico, announced the engagement of their daughter, Irma Lee, to Sgt Ralph H. Shepard, Jr , Link instructor. Ralphs home is West Hartford, Conn., and was graduated from Norwich "U" of the same state.

Most of us have at one time or another been confused by army time, but after a year or two most of us have figured it out. Now along comes Sgt. Lindner who signed in on the pass book at 2630. Maybe I need further explanation.

All members of the squadron are invited to attend the wedding of Miss Britta Rood and Cpl. George Callamaras, at the post chapel, Sunday, 20 February at 1930

Link instructor S/Sgt. Ralph H. Winkler recently arrived from La Junta, Colo. Ralph tells us the semi-permanent barracks and coal stoves weren't so bad, but starting to work at 0600 was no particular picnic.

Aviation Cadet Everett Cannon of Kansas City gave all Link instructors a very interesting lecture on the automatic radio compass. A/C Cannon was employed in a factory that is building B-24's, and installed, inspected and tested all radio compass installations.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE!

Pfc. Longfellow discovering whiskers. Mike Timko taking aspirin Sgt. Lee getting his glasses smashed. Jake Thurmon keeping his mind on his work. No one missing the column last week. Sorry.

All Colored Revue Slated For Post on 28 February

The first all-colored revue to be presented on this post for some time comes a week from Monday night in the post gym when the USO-Camp Shows presents "Let's Go," a laugh riot.

It carries plenty of kick and is hot on the jive. Every act in the outfit has played vaudeville or one of the larger New York clubs . There is jitter bug hoofery and some throaty blues numbers. To say nothing of some high class comedy stuff.

Topping the bill are the three Reeves Sisters, who have a pleasingly peculiar style in their rhythm dancing. Further particulars will be printed in next week's Flyer.

SECRETARY OF WAR URGES BOND PURCHASES

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ARMY:

It is to the personal advantage of every officer and member of the enlisted personnel of the Army to provide for his future financial security by systematic saving while he is in the Army. The welfare of each individual and of his dependents after the war is won may well depend upon this security.

Many of you are not taking advantage of the opportunity of saving through the Class "B" Allotment Plan for the purchase of War Savings Bonds. These bonds are not only one of the safest investments that you can make, but every dollar now loaned to the Government will speed the day of final victory and the time when you can return to your homes.

It is my desire that commanding officers of all grades stress the value of saving, through investment in War Savings Bonds by means of Class "B" Allotments.

HENRY L. STIMSON
Secretary of War.

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Alexis Smith, shapely and winsome Warners star, has a singing and dancing role in Thank Your Lucky Stars. At the age of ten she was an exceptionally good pianist, and she must have also been a beautiful baby. She is now!

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Quartermaster Column

By Peter

McManus, prevaricator without peer, told an amazing story about his Scotch uncle who painted his son's index finger red and white so he would think he was sucking on a peppermint stick.

Men are definitely the stronger sex. For example: we were sitting in the bus t'other nite waiting for the driver to put 'er in that go ahead gear when a group of gals surged in like a glacier of molasses. What happened? We stood up for our rights!

We have an addition in our ranks PFC Apgar Jones is the name. In reality he's just a product of creative imagination. He is known to have blood ties with Yehoodi and The Little Man Who Wasn't There. Anyway, Apgar approached me with the idea that he had written a poem which he thought should be published. He truly feels that if people can write such things as "Marzy Doats" and "Low Man on a Totem Pole" and reap a materia benefit then he should do as well

"Accidently on Poipose"
by PFC Apgar Jones

All fish aren't foolish
The porpoise seems quite bright
All fish ... seems to be at sea
This point should be brought to light
Eo'n though he spends his fins on blondes
He still lives by the rules
Little wonder porpoises are smart
They're always found in schools.

Distinguished Flying Cross Awarded in CAAF Retreat

As several squadrons of cadet ... F marched past smartly in review, Mrs. Elmer Pulliam of Greenville, Calif., received the Distinguished Fying Cross in behalf of his son who is missing in action after 20 missions as an aerial gunner in the European Theater of Operations. The presentation was made by Col. Gerald Hoyle on the parade ground Friday night. Mr. Pulliam's son, S/Sgt. Francis Pulliam, had been credited with downing one enemy plane.

A/C Glen C. Macy acted as commander of troops, and his staff was composed of Cadets Harold J. Tatman, Mario A. Denaud and Don G. Yeaman.

ANOTHER FREE MOVIE AT USO TONIGHT

Tonight at the USO the free motion picture will be Once Upon a Honeymoon, with Cary Grant and Ginger Rogers. It will begin at 7:30, following the regular buffet supper at 6:30, according to announcement by A. D. Humphreys, director. There will be no dance following, but a dance will be held a week from tonight.

Revival of one of the great pictures of several years ago, Catherine the Great, will be given Saturday, 25 February. Playing in this movie are Douglas Fairbanks Jr., and Ingrid Bergman.

The buffet will be held as usual. Alteration of the USO club rooms to provide a separate games room is underway and will be completed soon.

79th News Items . . .

By L. DeMartini

GREETINGS, my friends; Unaccustomed as I am to writing of moans ,groans, and what have you, I'll try to do my utmost (with the help of others) to make this column a hit.

Returning to our home field from the sand, sage brush, and frost bitten desert, were our men, whose smiling faces beamed like the radiant liquid sunshine of sunny Calif. Smiles led the parade worn by none other than top-kick F/Sgt Edward McCormack.

Eating sleeping and cheerful as a meadow lark again is our "Frisco Joe" Pfc Litzius. All indications look as if a certain heart throb is coming to town. Mmmmh- - -

It never rains but when it pours. So says "Wanio" R.P King, who isn't satisfied with one girl, but has five of them. What a lover!!!!!

Flash!!! Luszczenski vs Orkin or Orkin vs Luszczenski. Wonder who won!

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to Cpl Stanley Brush on his "tonsillectomy".

Ex-G.I. makes good—2nd Lt Hoffman paying the old gang a visit. After months of hard studies and a will to succeed, our former 373rd member has earned his wings. Best of luck to you, Bill.

Romeo! Romeo! Where art thou?? Yours truly and many others miss our monthly salvage arbitration. And Si - Here's hoping furloughs, three-day passes and 24's are as plentiful as fish in the sea (up here)Ha! Ha!

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Dept. of Maintenance News

BY SERGEANT A.J. RUST

With the last contingent arriving from Victorville, we are again going all out on the "Cadet" production line. We feel that the reports from Victorville on general conditions there, is going to help the morale at this field, and shifting of both officers and men of this department to different positions, together with many new wrinkles picked up while on detached service, and spring flying weather in the offering, CAAF should make a record in the next few months that will be hard to shoot at.

The following is a list of changes effective 15th February: Captain Baker has been assigned as Assistant Director of Maintenance. Lt. Mueller has taken over as Officer-in-charge of Production Line Maintenance with Lt. Johnston as his assistant. Lt. Franz has been transferred to Flight I where he has assumed duties as Engineering Officer. Last but not least we have the Ex-Doughnut Kink, from the P.X., namely WOJG Bowers as Officer in Charge of the Special Service Vehicle department.

Pvt. Whippletree says that the "V" on victory posters stands for Valentines when mailed to your girl, and for Soldiers Votes when mailed to your Congressman.

Cpl. and Mrs. Lee are making arrangements with the stork for near future delivery of son and heir.....Cpl. Fishstrom hangs out shingles as being authority on speed and post restrictions. We understand that T/Sgt. Bavitz of Replacement Hangar has plunged and will be fetching up a spouse when he returns from his extended furlough. S/Sgt. Davis of Sub-Inspection says that anyone wishing to see double and feel single should go out to Moonlight Gardens . . . . Pvt. W.E. Ward and Cpl Marker it seems motored to Cottonwood recently and had quite a time. So says Ward. Little Johnny can't quite remember just exactly what did happen although claims having a rough idea.***Pvt Soderberg, who was transferred to gunnery School not too long ago, paid us a visit the other day. Ah! He left here as a Pvt., but now is sporting genuine Corporal stripes along with his gunners wings..... S/Sgt West was rather embarrassed the other night, when we spotted him down the road a ways on his hands and knees trying in vain to change a flat on his LAVENDER COMET. Why didn't you run it home the way it was, West? It was only flat on the bottom!

Keep 'Em Rolling

Motor Pool Column . . .

This has been a busy week at the Motor Pool. Seems as though everyone is celebrating something or other. Our fair damsel Barbara had a birthday and the gang got together to wish her well.

Overheard in the dispatchers office: "I can't understand the women of today, when your out in a crowd with your best girl, she wants to bill and coo, but just try sneaking off to a secluded spot and boy does she ice up!!!!!"

A certain young lady from Red Bluff has been keeping two of our drivers in a dither. Can it be that they like the present set-up; one week she goes out with one, then alternates the following week with the other. (Whats this world coming to?????)

The prize boner of the week was pulled by "Pork-chops" Hill. He was sent over to the QM office for a requisition, but ended up asking for a "recommendation". He claims he couldn't remember "dat big word".

What buck Sgt tries to impress the gang of his ignorance concerning women, only to be seen in the show hugging the breath out of a pretty miss. Who does he think he's kidding??????

A nightly occurance at the QM dayroom is Ted Czyzewski occupied in the phone both with a 2-hour conversation. You must be slipping Ted, does it take that long for the young lady to say "YES"?????

A sure sign that spring is just around the corner was the sight of two GI's, Cpl Baxter and Cpl Von Wald excercising their muscles with the baseball. How about it fellows, are you going to try out for the famous QM team this year. . ?

Sights to behold; (Colonel) Collier showing a large photograph of a pretty miss "Just another to add to my collection," remarked Hesque. (how's Sacramento coming along, Hesque??)

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First Mustering Out Pay Checks in Mail from S .F.

First checks for mustering out pay to discharged army officers and men of World War II, who entered the army in California, were in the mails this week.

Colonel R .H. Bradshaw, army finance officer for California, set down the follwoing points for discharged soldiers to follow. He also said that applications from soldiers from other states will be forwarded to their proper places.

1. Applicatons preferably should be made by mail, but may be made in person.

2. All applications should be accompanied by the applicant's original discharge certificate, his certificate of service, or a certificate from the Adjustant General in lieu of a discharge certificate.

3. Applications should bear exactly the same signature as discharge papers.

4. No payments will be made in lump sums; all will be in instalments.

5. Because of reguations, payments to officers will require slightly longer than to enlisted men.

6 .Applications should be addressed to Finance Officer, U. S. Army, 450 Mission Street, San Francisco (5), Calf.

G. I. QUIZ

(Special Services Orientation Program)

1. Last week several of the Marshall Islands fell to the Americans – the first Japanese territory to be taken by the Allies in this war. Can you recall which possession of the United Nations was first to fall to the Japanese after the raid on Pearl Harbor?

2. It is a familiar fact that the Marshall Islands – owned by Germany prior to 1914— were mandated to the Japanese after World War I. Did Germany acquire the Marshall Islands by discovery, conquest or purchase?

3. American troops landing at Kwajalein in the Marshalls last week were 1,046 miles from the major Japanese stronghold of Truk. If the Americans were to take Truk would they be more or less than 1,046 miles from Tokyo?

4. Moscow, Leningrad and Salingrad are located in the R S.F.S.R.—largest and most important of the sixteen constituent republics. For what do the initials stand?

5. Of course you know that Estonia was one of the states set up at Versailles. But do you know wheher it was carved out of Finnish, German or Russian territory?

1. Wake Island, A United States possession, on Dec. 24, 1941; the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong fell on Dec. 25

2. Germany purchased the islands from Spain, after the close of the Spanish–American War.

3. More. From Truk to Tokio is 2,100 miles.

4. Russian Soviet Federated Socialistic Republic

5. Russian.

AT POST LIBRARY

Best Sellers . . .

Among current best sellers recently receive dby the Post Library are:

Fiction—"Tree Grows in Brooklyn," by Betty Smith; "Victoria Grandolet," by Henry Bellamann; "Ten Commandments," edited by A. L. Robinson; "Flint," by Charles G. Norris; "Journey in the Dark," by Martin Flavin; "So Little Time," by J. P. Marquand; "Weeping Wood," by Vicki Baum; "None but the Lonely Heart," by Richard Llewellyn; "The Signpost," by E. Arnot Robinson; "In Bed We Cry," by Ilka Chase.

Non-Fiction—"God Is My Co-Pilot," by Robert L. Scott; "Persons and Places," by George Santayana; "Undercover," by John Roy Carlson; "Pictorial History of the Movies," edited by Deems Taylor; "Cartoon Cavalcade," edited by Thomas Craven; "Snoot If You Must," by Lucius Beebe; "G. I. Jungle," by E. J. Kahn, Jr.

In addition to these late books, the Post Library has also received over 900 standard books, covering all classes of non-fiction and fiction within the last three months. These books comprise the basic collection books allotted to each army library throughout the country.

Oldest Soldier Hit by Taxi

Long Beach, Cal. (CNS)—Sgt. John W. Westervelt, 75, said to be the oldest enlisted man in the U.S. Army, was hospitalied here recently with a broken leg after a taxi hit him.

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Colonel Hoyle Supports Fourth War Loan

Colonel Gerald Hoyle, Commanding Officer of Chico Army Air Field, is personally supporting this post's drive to reach the prescribed objectives in the Fourth War Loan Drive.

These objectives are:

1. Bring civilian and military pay reservation plan to minimum of 10 per cent of basic pay by 100 per cent of personnel.

2. Initiation or increase of Class B allotments among all military personnel.

3. Cash purchase of at least one additional bond by all civilian and commissioned personne.

Progress on the first of these objectives has been gratifying, according to Major John J. Daly, civilian prsonnel officer. Figures show that 96 per cent of Sub Depot personnel are participating, with 10.6 per cent of gross pay being invested. For station civilian personnel, 98 per cent are participating, and investing 11.2 per cent of gross pay.

2nd Lt. Harriet Orvis, post war bond officer, stated that there is a definite increase in Class B allotments among military personnel, and that many officers and men have initiated new allotments.

At present a survey is being conducted to determine how many commissioned officers and civilian employees have purchased at least one bond in addition to reservations or allotments.

Although the Fourth War Loan generally has been concluded by civilian agencies, the drive will be continued by military posts. Major Race, the Finance Officer, reported that since 15 January, cash purchases of bonds at the Finance Office of CAAF have totaled $26,275 in maturity value.

78th NEWS ITEMS . . .

By J. R. HAINES

Some of our fellows enjoyed Valentine's Day by taking in a party or two, and some of them looked a little rough Tuesday . . . we welcome S/Sgts. Schmidt and Knales back from the desert.

We notice that Cpl Marker is giving Pvt. Durkee a very bad time . . . I think her name is Joyce . . . yes, we signed the payroll, and now are sweating out the 29th.

Pfc. P J. Wark, Pvt. Marcelle and Yours Truly have been feeding the boys at Chico Field—yes, you guessed it, we are on K. P. And if you haven't heard, it's for a seven day stretch.

Your former correspondent Soderberg was in town this past week flashing a new pair of gunner's wings and a new set of corporal's chevrons. Nice going, Soderberg.

Cpl. Dubiel is very happy now that all the boys are back from Victorville. Now he can get the tangle of his mail unsnarled.

One of our supply sergeants, Jack Johnson, is spending his furlough in Georgia . . . yes, **our squadron area was all cleaned up for the inspectors who were here . . .we were all ready, but no one showed up . . . until next week, so long.**

Soldier Jamboree Slated For Wednesday Night

Another soldier jamboree is offered CAAF personnel Wednesday night at 2000 in the post gymnasium. It is produced by Cpl. Wilson Burtt, with Pfc. Ritchie Watson and Pvt. Aubrey Hightower collaborating on the gags and continuity. Cpl. Burtt guarantees at least one laugh out of every ten gags.

Among the features scheduled are "Mysteries of Magic by Watson the Magician," or "Keep It Under Your Hat." "Songs from the Back Room" by Pvt. Carl Hubbell, Pfc. Bob Krupp's golden tenor, Pvt. Hightower as the water boy in the "Elephant Never Forgets" number, Cpl. Leo J. Szczchowiecz, and his accordion in some numbers which were too good for New York, and that good old solid background, the Wings of Swing under T/Sgt. Carl Modell in a jam session that is so hot the music has to be printed on asbestos.

As an added highlight, Cpl. Burtt will interview a CAAF man who has returned from a theater of war, and who will disclose some unusual stories of battle.

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97th Hotshots Clinch Basketball Crown

It's all over but the shouting, and that was done long ago--when the CAAF basketball league opened, to be exact.

And the shouting was done by the 97th, which said that it had the best team in the league. Well, they were right, and with a vengeance .

Without losing a game, the Howard's Hotshots, managed by S/Sgt. Elon Torrence and captained by Cpl. Bob Van Gundy, have cinched the championship. They have only four scheduled games to go, and possibly some postponed tilts, and now are six and one-half games to the good.

The Hotshots succeed the 373rd team of last year ,which as the 79ths this season, is finishing in the cellar.

However, a hot battle is developing for second place, with the Quartermaster, Brown Bombers and Weather right in there. The first two teams are tied for the second spot at the present writing.

A big factor in the strong three way fight is for the four straight victories by Weather, and the upset sprung by the Tenth when they Embasted the Quartermaster Monday night, 28-24.

After a slow first half in which the winners led 8-6, both teams started a scoring spree. Pvt. Eddie Driscoll swished ten points in the second half to give him 12 for the contest, while Sgts. Bill Bertino and N. B. King of the 10th had nine and eight respectively in the second half. Bertino had six in the first half for 15. Jimmie Papez of the Q. M. also was good for eight.

The 78th, beset by players at work, had to forfeit to the 97th and Weather, while the 79th forfeited to the 52nd.

However, in another close one, Weather worked its way closer to the second place spot by edging the 52nd in a 28-26 thriller.

The Weathermen were ahead 11-10 at half time and managed to increase the margin in a game featured by fouls galore. Nine personals were called against the Bombers, and six against the Forecasters.

Cpl. Ed Macaulay of the winners forged ahead in the personal scoring race for the league, tallying his 118th point with a total of ten for the evening. He missed four free throws, though. Tolson of the 52nd was leading scorer, with 12 for the evening. Bauer, who has played the last three games for the Weather five, tallied seven to bring his three game total to 34.

In the second victory by the Tenth lads, it was strictly a first half slaughter with the score finally ending 36-14 over the hapless 79th. Sgt. Bertino scored 13 of his 17 points in the first half, and Sgt. King made good nine of his 11 in this period. Sgt. Milford Voth, a newcomer, had six.

Cussio of the 79th led his team with six tallies.

Cpl. Van Gundy led the Hotshots to a 29-20 non-league victory over a Cadet team Thursday night.

World Series Movies To Be Shown Here

Wanna see the World Series?

Well, not exactly have a grandstand seat, but the American League has arranged a showing of sound movies taken at the 1943 series, in which the Yanks trimmed the St. Louis Cardinals.

According to Major B.H. Winkelman, special service officer, there will be showings of the film on a schedule prepared by the physical training department on Feb. 24, 25, 26 and 28 in the North Theatre. There will be no admission fee.

The films include play by play highlights of all the Word Series games, the hitting, pitching and fielding gems, and baseball comedy shots

The film was made in cooperation with A.G. Spalding & Bros., and Hillerich and Bradsby, makers of baseball and other athletic equipment. It is narrated by Lt. Bob Elson, whose voice, along with Red Barber's, has brought you most of the recent world series by radio.

The picture was directed by Lew Fonseca, promotion manager of the American League and one time first baseman for the Chicago White Sox.

Watch your bulletin board for the schedules.

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Soldiers Cop Prizes in Chico Bowling Matches

Although most of CAAF's top bowlers were under their usual averages, soldiers walked off with many of the honors in the annual Chico Bowling Tournament conducted in the Chico Bowl this week.

The Mecca team, which is composed of five soldiers, four from the Medics and one from Link Trainer, won the team chmapionship with a score of 2895 .Members of the team are M/Sgt. Frank Marohnich, S/Sgt. Kenneth Husser, S/Sgt Harry Sturgis, Sgt. Oliver Ray of the Medics and Sgt. Fred Lindner of the 97th.

T/Sgt. Jack Ricer of the Q. M., bowling for Donohue's, took high singles with 676, while Sgt .Tom O'Donnell, also of Q. M., but rolling for Log Cabin Inn, was second with 655. Cpl. Al Assell of the Q. M. and Log Cabin was fifth with 627 and Martin of the 19th Sub Depot sixth with 625.

In addition to his team honors, S/Sgt. Husser teamed with Bill Clanin, a civilian, to take the doubles honors with 1276.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

(Including 15 February Games)

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
97th Hotshots	16	0	1.000
Quartermaster	9	6	.600
Brown Bombers	9	6	.600
Weather	10	8	.555
Tenth	7	8	.464
78th	5	10	.333
79th	3	13	.189

SGT. BERTINO OF 10th GAINS IN SCORING

Sgt. Bill Bertino of the 10th made the most sensational gains in the individual scoring race of the CAAF Basketball League but Cpl. Ed Macaulay of Weather went out in front with 118 points in 13 games. Cpl. Cleon Henry of the 52nd, who was idle, remained in second with 109 in 12; Cpl. Bob Van Gundy of the 97th third with 106 in 14 contests; Bertino 96 in 10. In his last two games Sgt. Bertino scored 32 points.

Kiwis Score Easy Bowling Victory

The Kiwis continue to lead the Officers' Bowling League, easily defeating the Sad Sacks in this week's matches. They also notched the high team series with 2195, and the high team single with 783.

Lt. Everson of Q. M. had high individual series with 516 and high game with 203.

However, Cpl Zane Mazur of the 10th was high man of the week on the alleys, with a 221, rolled early in the week.

Officers' League scores:

Kiwis—Lt .Mills 420, Capt. Buntjer 422, Lt. Col. Toomey 431, Major Daly 436, Lt. Williams, 486; total pins 2195.

Sad Sacks—Maj. Winkelman 360, Capt. Pearson 241, Lt Nickerson 391, Capt. Little 313, Lt. Henderson 419; total pins 1724; handicap 129, total 1853.

Sub-Depot—Lt. Brodzinsky 308, Major Marth 366, Lt. Sandager 356, Lt. Campbell 451, Major Russell 457; total pins 1938.

Medics—Lt. Hatch 354, Lt. Backowske 307, Capt. Rossen 408, Major Curry 379, Lt. Brandt 370; total pins 1818; handicap 255, total 2073.

Cadets—Lt. Brotherton 404, Lt. Conner 379, Lt. Cater 299, Lt. Weber 320, Lt. Owens 332; total pins 1734, handicap 60, total 1794.

Q. M.—Lt .Williams 367, Lt. Ratliffe 411, Lt. Zamzow 342, Lt. Everson 516, Lt. Swaine 291; total pins 1927.

OFFICERS' LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Avg.	Pct.
Kiwis	10	2	706	.833
Sub-Depot	8	4	683	.667
Medics	8	4	592	.667
Q. M.	5	7	562	.417
Sad Sacks	4	8	598	.333
Cadets	1	11	562	.083

Movies Pay Million For "Winged Victory"

New York (CNS)—"Winged Victory," the Army Air Forces show, has been sold to 20th Century-Fox for $1,000,000— highest price ever paid for screen rights to a Broadway show. Moss Hart, author and director of the show, will soon leave for Hollywood where he will supervise production of the movie.

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POST CHAPEL

Dwight E. LaFollette, Protestant Chaplain
Joseph G. Daly, Catholic Chaplain
SUNDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 1944

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship 1015; **sermon, "On the Edge of a New Life."** Vesper Service 1630. **Holy Communion.**

Mass at 0800 and 1740. Weekdays, Mass at 1900. Holy Communion 1700-1900. On Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) Blessed Ashes distributed each hour on the hour.

AT POST THEATER

SATURDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

Revival of

FRISCO KID

James Cagney, Margaret Lindsey

SUNDAY & MONDAY

BROADWAY RYTHM

George Murphy, Ginny Sims, Lena Horne, Tommy Dorsey and Orchestra

TUESDAY

HEY ROOKIE!

Ann Miller, Joe Bresser, Larry Parks

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

IN OUR TIME

Ida Lupino, Paul Henreid, Mary Boland

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

THE IMPOSTER

Jean Gabin, Ellen Drew, Richard Whorf

Contact Chico Broadcast Off Air for Two Weeks

The CAAF radio show, Contact Chico, will be off the air until 2 March, the Public Relations Office announced. During the interim, the production will be streamlined, and new features developed.

The show has been produced continually since early last fall by Pfc. Sanford A. Sindell.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

"BUCK" TYSON RIDES AGAIN . . .
Wellknown Engineer Risks Life in Test Hop
By Wanda Beachell

Before a cheering throng of spectators, Captain L. E. "Buck" Tyson, of the Corps of Engineers, recently demonstrated the Army's newest piece of mechanized equipment, built by the eminent designer and inventor, Ernest Hendrix.

The test hop was a complete success in every respect. Said Captain Tyson when asked for a statement: "This bulldozer takes off smoothly, is extremely maneuverable, and is capable of a high rate of speed. It is touchy at the controls, and in my opinion is a 'hot bulldozer' which should be handled only by experienced cat-skinners with at least 300 hours of bulldozing to their credit. It is a bulldozer of the future and the public will be hearing great things about it from the fighting fronts."

Informed sources hint that this may be the "secret weapon" about which German authorities have made so many conjectures.

Spring is here—with all its golden hours,
And on Kay's desk is a bowl of flowers.
With shy eyes lowered, and face aflame,
She will not tell us whence they came!

Incidentally, as this goes to press, Captain Tyson, with Jennie Truesdale, Thelma Lykins and S/Sgt. B. M. Morgan, is attending a conference in Sacramento. He will be unable at this time to censor the write-up concerning his debut with the bulldozer, but we feel sure he would be gratified to know that great pride in his achievement is felt by each and every one of us in the office force. Needless to say, we are cheering him on to bigger and better exploits in the future.

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FLYER

CHICO ARMY AIR FIELD,

CHICO, CALIFORNIA



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AIR HEROS of the WESTERN FLYING TRAINING COMMAND

CAPTAIN CHARLES TUCKER, A GRADUATE OF SANTA MARIA, MINTER AND LUKE, EARNED THE DFC AND THE AIR MEDAL THROUGH HIS 18 MONTHS COMBAT DUTY IN CHINA AND BURMA -

by T/SGT. JACK O'BRIEN

DURING A STRAFING MISSION DEEP IN CHINA A CHANCE RIFLE SLUG HIT THE MOTOR AND FORCED HIM OVER THE SIDE!

WHEN HE LANDED THE JAPS SET AFTER HIM WITH BLOODHOUNDS - HE ELUDED THEM BY CROSSING A STREAM -

- AND CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF A STEEP CLIFF!

CAPTAIN TUCKER WAS FOUND BY THE CHINESE WHO SMUGGLED HIM OVER 100 MILES BACK TO HIS OWN LINES!!

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Your Red Cross Home Service Has Post War Plan

Washinton, D.C.—Service men returning from combat duty in the war zones, are thanking their lucky stars that the American Red Cross Home Service has a post war plan.

The plan, already in operation for service men discharged for disabilities, is expected to continue well into the post-war period. It assures temporary financial aid to men and their families if that aid is needed during the period pending settlment of claims for government benefits, and offers assistance with applications for benefits.

In March 1943, Red Cross filed over 6,000 claims for veteran's pensions. Six months later the number had jumped to 25,000 a month. Requests for Red Cross assistance in filing claims for government benefits continue to increase in proportion to the number of men discharged from military service.

At present the bulk of cases handled by Red Cross are filed for service men by Red Cross field directors attached to Army and Navy hospitals in this country where over 3,000 Red Cross workers are on the job to take care of the details involved.

Chapters Take Over

When men are discharged from the hospitals, and returned to their homes, Red Cross chapters take over the responsibility of aiding veterans and their famileis.

Any service man or his dependents, faced with hardships involving financial problems resulting from his service in the armed forces, or needing consultation service in connection with compensation, pensions, government insurance and other benefits, may now turn to Red Cross Home Service for assistance.

Information regarding the latest legislation affecting the service man and his family also is available through Red Cross chapters Home Service workers who are kept advised.

Because the Red Cross does not ordinarily supplement benefits provided by the government, financial assistance from chapters will end as soon as government compensation or pensions begin.

Recognized by Law

Red Cross is recognized by law and authorized by the Veteran's Administration in the presentation of claims. Any service man wishing representation in connection with his claim may designate the American Red Cross to act for him in this capacity.

Many service men will need Red Cross financial assistance while waiting for their claims to be settled. To meet the needs promptly, and thus prevent service families from being dependent upon the community, Home Service budgets must be greatly expanded.

Your Red Cross War Fund contribution will help to see its own service men through.

OPPORTUNITIES STILL OPEN IN WEATHER

There still are openings for weather trainees at this station, according to Lt .Donald M. Gales, base weather officer.

They will be trained in the fundamentals of weather observing at the Chico station for a short period, and following training the student observer would receive the rating of corporal and go on regular duty in the station.

Any applicants are advised to contact one of the weather officers here as soon as possible. The main qualification is two years of high school mathematics or its equivalent. Call 215 or come to the weather station in Post Operations.

Still Time For Insignia Idea And Prize Money

There still is time to submit your idea for an insignia representing Chico Army Air Field.

The contest, which will bring $31 in prize money, is open to everyone, inculding officers cadets and enlisted men. A finished product is not necessary, but a sketch showing getting over the idea, together with color specifications should be sufficient.

Send or bring your ideas around to the Special Service Office, just south of the PX building.

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79th Leads Post In War Bonds

When results of the Fourth War Loan were tabulated at CAAF, the 79th commanded by Major L.V. Call, showed the biggest percentage of increase in individual participation. Figures showed that 46 per cent more men purchased bonds from 1 January to 29 February, 1944. Total percentage was 84.

Second in line was the 78th, which showed an increase of 42 percent, and a total percentage of 64. The 97th showed the next greatest increase with 30 per cent and a total of 72 per cent.

Three organizations had 100 per cent participation, according to 2nd Lt. Harriett S. Orvis, post war bond officer. They include Detached Finance, the 533rd Army Band and the 970th Q.M. Platoon.

Only one set of figures are available for the officers, but only 54 per cent are purchasing bonds.

TWO MORE WEDDINGS AT POST CHAPEL

Two Chico Field soldiers were married in ceremonies held in the post chapel over the past week end. Both rites were solemnized by Chaplain Dwight LaFollette.

In the first ceremony Sgt. Hilmer E. Hastings of the 10th was married to Miss Althea A. Freeman who is originally from Seguin, Tex.,but who has been living in Chico recently.

They were attended by Cpl Lyle E. Hayes of the 10th and Mrs. Bernice Ward of Chico.

Saturday night Miss Bette Laird of York, Neb., was married to Aviation Cadet Lynn R. Bereuter of Rockwell City, Iowa. Their attendants were Aviation Student and Mrs. Raymond C. Branyon of CAAF

COMING EVENTS

If you want to keep up with what's going on at the post in the way of recreaional activities, whatch he billboard on he lawn by the Special Services on your way to the mess hall each day. It give splenty of advance notice on all shows, and other such events.

Quartermaster Column

By Peter

If any unseasoned initiate had come in the barrack 'tother noon he might of thought he was in the midst of some eminent diagnosticians, for the lads were deeply engrossed in a discussion about the effects of sleeping tablets on the anatomy. Ward was at a loss to explain how an overdose of said tablets could bring about one's untimely demise until Dr. McManus solved the problem with this succinct statement, "It isn't the powders that kill people – – they just sleep so long they starve to death."

Jerry Sedlacek seemed to be in a bit of a dither for he was rushing around like the air speed indicator on a P–38. "Whats all the hubbub Doc." sez I. "I've got a pressing engagement," sez he. He did have. Spent the whole evening ironing clothes.

"Ole" Olson made the unbelievable statement that a fellow had a fit at the Q.M. warehouse last week. Odd how anyone with such afflictions would be in the army.

FORMAL CHALLENGE TO THE 97th: It is the firm belief of we QMers that any aggregation of softball players you might put on the playing field during the coming season will go down in ignominous defeat at our hands. There is a reason of course. Murry intimated he was going to use me as a utility man. In fact I'm supposed to report to the Engineers to-morrow.

QM MOTTO: "Not at the bottom, but falling."

LT. CONRAD NAMED FINANCE OFFICER

1st Lt. Donald F. Conrad, who had been at CAAF since December, 1942, has been named post finance officer. He replaces Major George A. Race, who has left for Duke University Finance School.

Lt. Conrad, a resident of Susanville, Calif., where he was employed by the U.S. Forest Service, entered the army with the Armored Forces at Ft. Knox, Ky., in March, 1941.

He was graduated from the Finance Department OCS and immediately assigned to this station.

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Personnelities...

The new post chemical officer, 2nd Lt. Herald F. Hildebrand, is a resident of California, having lived in San Rafael before entering the army, and was an athlete at San Rafael High and Marin J.C. .....among the other recent officer arrivals are Lts. Louis D. Braun of Minneapolis, Minn; Denzil G. Hukill of Seneca, Mo., Jerome J. Kleiman of St. Louis, Harry V. Rogers of Peru Ind., Jerome B. Robinson of Los Angeles, William H. Rice of Van Nuys, Calif., Maurice A. Rondeau of Long Beach, Calif., Ollie A. Rutledge of Amarillo, Tex., Edward H. Smith of Plattsmouth, Neb., Leon E. Tracy of Nashua, Iowa, Keith Robert Swim og Santa Rosa, Calif., Edwin W. Wartburg of Vallejo, Calif., Everett L. Walling of Denver, Colo., Thomas H. Thompson of Ladonia, Tex., Ernest H. St. John of Los Angeles, Herbert A. Sting Jr. of Huntington Park, Calif., Edward C. Williamson of Passaic, N.J., Harry H. Yokum of O'Neill, Neb., Charles E. Ripley of El Dorado, Ark., George H. Wilton Jr. of Gleasondale, Mass., Frank E. Werner of Rittman, Ohio, and Frank O. Stronach of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Two of the recent transfers to the 52nd can tack a college degree or two behind their names.....Pvt Reuben G. Burrell of Portsmouth, Va., has a B.S. and M.A. from Columbia, University in Fine Arts and Education, while Pvt William B. Tomkins of Washington, D.C., has a B.S. from West Virginia State College.

POST CHAPEL

Dwight E. LaFollette, Protestant Chaplain
Joseph G. Daly, Catholic Chaplain

Sunday, 5 March 1944

Catholic

Mass 0800
1745

Weekdays: Mass 1900
Holy Comunion 1700–1900

Protestant

Morning Worship 1015
Sermon: "God Was With Him"
Special Music: Solo by Miss Pauline Freemyers, Soprano

Vesper Service 1630
Sermon: "What God Made Man For"

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The ever inventive minds of Ernest and Paul are at work again. You will remember that a couple of weeks ago they were acclaimed for the great contribution they made to posterity with their streamlined bulldozer. At that time we predicted bigger and better things for them in the future.

Today—with pride—we announce their newest invention—an Air Cooled Cat Trap! Most of their idea remains as yet only in theory, but a part of it has been put into practice as the scratches on their hands will readily testify. If anyone is missing a red, yellow and black striped cat – – the last time they saw it, it was heading toward San Francisco, and seems to have no intentions of turning back.

We watched Jennie's eyebrow climb ever so high,
While unbidden – – the gruesome thought came - -
There could only be one thing to cause such a sigh,
There must be some termite to blame.
She picked up the file and gingerly scanned it,
And wondered just what she could say.
There was nothing to do – – She would just have to stand it,
Cause what the heck! Termites must play!
The Lt. started checking on foot stools and chairs,
Out to destroy such deception.
Knowing that trouble always travels in pairs,
He thought termites would prove no exception.
The files now rest on Burns Morgans desk
He sits and blows smoke rings around it.
The little worm working is most picturesque,
We're awfully glad that she found it.

Captain Tyson has the great distinction of being born on the 29th of February—and things were plenty hot around the office for him last Tuesday morning. With Ruth's name plate doing the honors—and due to our combined and well directed efforts—we managed to celebrate his birthday in a style he will long remember.

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Some Advice to Married Men On 79th Squadron CQ

By Dry Martini

Greetings and salutations; this is your correspondent just completing his week of K. P. Mother never warned me of moments like this . . . WHATTA LIFE!

FLASH!!! War bonds are still being sold. So-o-o, come on fellows don't be bashful. There are oodles and oodles available.

Wanted . . . a furlough for overworked, underfed, and of course abused poor Hank. Better known as S/Sgt Henry Holland.

No medals today! No medals today! Lt. Hudson. S/Sgt Paul Williams wants to shoot the pistol again. Willie, you can't dood it.

Warning to all married men on C.Q. In each barracks there will be placed one well balanced ....well built....and very heavy baseball bat. Now let's have less noise upon entering our humble domicile between the hours of 2100 and 0600. Thank You!!

Celebrities of the 79th Sqdn. about town last Saturday night were (Connecticut Yankee Pro.) Sgt Stan Orkin behaving himself for a change. Take a bow 'Ork'.

Our smooth talking, kid of personality Frisco Joe breaks the ice and joins the fraternity 'Stripping of The Guernsey Cow'.

Everyone had an enjoyable evening including Cpl Stan Brush and Yours Truly. We both wish we would have spent more time with a certain young lady in black.

Bivouacking Days

A bivouacking we will go,
So hold your hats and duck you Joes.
March is really here, 'tis true,
The rain is on the window pane,
The mud is on the shoe.
Not a holiday in sight.
The whole month long.
So a bivouacking we shall go,
Singing a low down song.

Not so sharp eh????

Just a reminder fellas. Tire inspections are due this month for all "A" coupon holders. (Not later than March 31)

Oh yes, our Don Juan of the seventeen Sacramento Valley Counties, Lover Lusczczenski, gains new title "The Carbon Tet. Kid."

Until next week this is your ex K.P. signing off.

LT. JIM HILL, FORMER 10TH MAN, OVERSEAS

The boys who were in old Barracks 612 and many others will remember Jim Hill who used to type out the passes for the 10th in the days when Class A's were nothing but a roseate dream – – well, he is a lieutenant and is over in England but still misses his old friends here and sends his greetings to many of them. He wrote to Cpl Phil Jones, now in the 97th, asking that he be remembered to 1st Sgt Kuchinski, Leo Hibler, Chadwick, Larry May and the rest of the lads.....he reports seeing T/Sgt Wimpy Walton before leaving the states but didn't say where it was.....the men in personnel have heard from M/Sgt Mortenson who also is in England.....there was quite a bit of sweating in the 10th when it was learned that ratings were coming out again, and the boys were right on their good behavior.....PfcGeorge Ryan has had a beautific look on his Brooklyn pan these days and the reason isn't hard to guess: its that old furlough and a trip back to the east coast.....Cranston is after us again for his phiz to appear in the Flyer, but we don't want our feminine circulation to fall off and the picture will have to be postponed .....but soon, Cranston, my boy, soon..... Haven't seen Alex Holcombe for quite a while, but when ye old correspondent was on CQ who should walk in demanding mail but the old lady's man himself.....Pfc Schiller has been getting up way before breakfast these days, but says the beauties of nature in the middle of the night compensate for the early rising.....a popular place these days is Jeff Blowers' donut emporium.....S/Sgt Walt Sherback is back from tech school and looking fine.

WAR ROOM

New hours for the War Room, located on C. Avenue directly across from the south theatre, are 1000 to 1930 on week days, and closed on Sundays.

Here the soldier may keep up on the progress and strategy of the war through up to the minute maps, battle lines traced for you, and latest information on the armies of our enemy and allies.

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Sgt John Horbasch helps keep 'em rolling by doing repair work on a G.I. truck in the Ordnance Motor Repair Shops.

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Captain Richard M. Collins, post ordnance officer, tests the trigger tension on a calibre 45 pistol, while surrounded by parts of stripped weapons.

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Andy Williams, a civilian worker who has been with the Ordnance Department almost since the field opened, is shown doing some welding.

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Miss Ruth E. McRoberts, new Assistant Field Director for the American Red Cross at CAAF, tells Miss Betty Briggs, employee of the Civilian Personnel Office, standing, all about the current Red Cross War Fund Drive at Chico Field. The drive began Wednesday.

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CAAF Exceeds 1943 Red Cross Fund Total

On the first day of the American Red Cross War Fund drive at CAAF, this station exceeded its entire 1943 total.

Mrs. Aileen Glenn, assistant field director for the Red Cross at Chico Army Air Field, reported that the first day's voluntary contribution from military personnel totalled $555.85.

This figure, added to the $600 contribution made by the post welfare fund, passed by about $50 the total for 1943.

"And we have yet to solicit the civilian workers of the post," Mrs Glenn said. She added that there is no solicitation of military personnel, and that all of the contributions were made in the three booths located on the field.

Manned by officers' wives who are members of the Red Cross Auxiliary, they are in the PX, lobby of post headquarters and the officers club during the noon hour.

The first phase of the campaign will continue for several days under the direction of Mrs. Gerald Hoyle.

USO ANNOUNCES EVENTS FOR COMING WEEK

The USO in Chico has announced several events of interest to enlisted men of CAAF as follows:

Tonight there will be the regular buffet supper at 1830, followed by the free motion picture, "The Man Who Could Work Miracles," at the Club in Chico.

Thursday night following the Contact Chico broadcasts in Memorial Hall there will be dancing from 2100 to 2300 for enlisted men only.

A week from tonight there will be the buffet, the movie "Shadow of a Doubt" and a dance. also for enlisted men.

Sailor Trusts Wife—Just So Far

Los Angeles (CNS)—When Sailor Henry B. Fournier wrote to his wife explaning that he wouldn't be home for Christmas, he suggested that she invite some other Navy man to dinner—a gob that looked like him. "He's not to kiss you, however," he ordered.

SQUIBS FROM THE 97TH

By Cpl Winn E. Coe

It is practically a fact that T/Sgt Freidman would like to join the underground balloon corps. Eh Bennie?

Sgt Carbone has been keeping company with a certain blond in Chico. Is this just a rumor, or will she be at the squadron dance March 11th.

S/Sgt Gleisner has his hands full these days since the combination of the Officers and cadet time sections came about.

S/Sgt Whiting has been seen working out on the wrestling mats in preparation for the forthcoming dance at the Oaks. Whiting refuses to have his hands held.

Judjing from the WAC mail received by the blue eyed chow hound Pickerel, its easy to understand how "Pick" had 120 hours a week on his time sheet while at Victorville.

Lt. Charles S. Bean, squadron adjutant, is leaving shortly for an overseas assignment. His smiling countenance will be missed by all of us. The best of luck Lt.

If S/Sgt Lenz holds up traffic on the highway it is due to the fact that his car has new fenders and a new paint job. Sure makes a guy careful.

Am glad to report that Cpl. Corrigan's hair is recovering from the Victorville hair cut.

The gardening business is booming these days and I am sure additional recruits could be added from upper 708 if noise and the turning on of lights after hours is any criterion.

The retreat formation of the 97th Tuesday, was commented upon by higher auhority to the effect that we present one of the best marching units on this post. A nice compliment and we are justly proud of it.

Basketball. Officers 46, 97th 36. Finis!

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE!

Pvt Kerler marching the squadron to the wrong theatre. Retreat rained out. Sgt Bihler tripping lightly and daintly through the buttercups. Whoops! Sgt Littrell not sweating out a three day pass.

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78TH NEWS

By J.R. Haines

Another month has come and gone. Another week has gone and come. Another payday has come and almost gone but most of all my headache lingers on. We are now in the windy month of March. This month is a very historical month with lots of wars and other important happenings taking place within the month. Some very important people were also born in the month of March. Here I was born in March.

Major Freeman is back with us after spending 3 days in Modesto, Calif.

I wonder where Lyle (well she did) Bartlett spends his off duty time.

Congratulations goes to Sgt and Mrs. Art White who were recently married. Mrs. White is from Willows, and Sgt .White from Washington State. We wish them the best of everything. Too bad there is a shortage of cigars.

Does anyone think that a propellor specialist and a aircraft technician should still be a private after 21 months in the army. With 19 spent at this field. If you wish to know the answer, please ask Pvt **Farris** and Pvt Lyons.

Men who recently returned from furlough: Sgt Jack Johnson, Pfc Robert B. Reed, Pvt Syring, L.L., Pvt Smith, A.H., S/Sgt Owens, J.T., S/Sgt Everett, H.E., Cpl Kinkead, E.C., Pfc Brown, W.D.

Men who are spending their furloughs this month!

Sgt Bryant, Maine; Sgt Siebel, Wisconsin; Cpl Davis, Fresno; Cpl Miller, Oklahoma; Cpl Jackson, Ilinois; Cpl Berenz, Wisconsin; Pfc Roberts, Minnesota; Pvt Ward, Washington; Pvt Woudwyk, Michigan; Pvt Nordmyer, Arizona.

I happened to see the most touching and line slinging letter in my life. Ask Pvt Williams to see it. I'm sure he will oblige.

Pfc Fleming seems to be very happy lately, it seems his wife and baby are soon arriving from New York.

Until next week I'll say so long.

Native Tells of Battle in Four Words

Tarawa (CNS)—Lt. Earl J. Wilson of Washington stopped a native after the bloody battle of Betio, Tarawa Atoll, and asked him what he thought of the fight. Replied the native: "Betio—boom, boom—good."

Kiwis Enjoy Huge Bowling Lead

Knocking over a total of 2165 pins, the Kiwins increased their lead in the Officers Bowling League this week to six games by beating the Sub-Depot 3-0.

As usual the Kiwis dominated the scoring, taking high team single with 806, high series with 2165 and high individual series, 544 by Lt. L. E. Williams. Lt. Leslie W .Trevvett of the Sad Sacks broke into the money by rolling a neat 209.

This mark also was good for the high score of the week, in a tie with Pvt. R. R. Fanksa. Last week T/Sgt. V. C. Widmer rolled 220 for high honors.

High man for each team follows:

Sub Depot, Major J. J. Daly, 478; Kiwis, Lt. L .E. Wililams 544; Cadets, Major Martin, 411; Medics, Lt. Conrad, 478; Q. M., Capt. Jackson 410; Sad Sacks, Lt. Trevvett 491.

Post Exchange News . . .

G. I.'s in the hospital will not be neglected any longer. The Post Exchange will put into operation very shortly a mobile hospital unit—a pretty little cart that will be stacked with candies, cigarettes, stationary, and razor blades, and will be wheeled through the wards once a day. Like it?

Fountain hours have been changed again, but to your advantage. The hours will be from 8:00 A.M. to 7:30 P.M., with no break, and all fountain items will be sold at all times. Can get get anything you want—even hamburgers and onions for breakfast.

On Sundays, the fountain will be open from 8:30 A.M. to 9 P.M. Come in and try our ham & eggs, or bacon & eggs—well, maybe you prefer hotcakes.

Better and better service in our barber shop. We have a total of eight barbers now to take care of the rush. Two chairs are reserved for officers when present.

O.W. Smith, better known as "Smitty" is in the hospital with a bad throat. We miss his "Hey, Doc, !XX!!??*, do I all have to police that area again!"

Geneva Hux, our little dark haired fountain cashier went skiing the other day and broke her nose. Better watch out for those hills next time, Gennie. We all hope you'll mend soon.

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Motor Transportation "KEEP 'EM ROLLING"

Another week and another column to get out. How about you literary geniuses of the Motor Pool getting together and giving this reporter some assistance.

Our sympathies go to "Stoop" Dorsey who received word of his brothers death and went home on emergency furlough.

It seems as though a certain Pfc reached the height of exuberance the other night and wanted to exchange clothes with a certain female. Pfc (Romeo) Gerome kept the local telephone wires hot last Tuesday night trying to get a date; you had better supplement your present list of females, Frank.

Cpl "Maddog" McGlennon is back from furlough and putting everyone to shame with his extra supply of energy and "go get it attitude" what the heck are you taking Mac????

Congratulations are in order for the following men who are proudly displaying their marksmanship medals, Cpls Von Wald, Ciannelli and Baxter and Pfc Gerome, of the 909th QMC and Sgt Leroi King and Pvt Coy Scott of the 970th QM Platoon.

We take this opportunity to welcome a newcomer to the Motor Pool, Pfc Eddie Driscoll who hails from the Commissary Warehouse. Glad to have you with us Eddie.

Wedding bells will chime for Pvt Rohleen and Miss Fay Miller of Chico this Saturday. Cupid seems to be running right through the Motor Pool and tying up everybodys heart. Wonder if leap year has anything to do with it????

THINGS THAT CAN'T HAPPEN: Sgt Dawson not receiving any mail, "Stoop" Dorsey cleaning the desks and not asking for a coca-cola in return, the office force not hungry, and a noiseless dispatchers office and driver's da yroom.

First Air WAC

The first Air Wac to enlist and be sworn in at this post joined thousands of her sisters in the growing ranks of women who are serving with the Army Air Forces, this week.

She is Violet R. Atterbury of Chico, who was sworn into the Womans Army Corps by Lt. Vesta M. Arnold, recruiting officer.

N.C.O. Club Party Tonight In town

If you've been wondering what the N. C. O. Club has been doing, here is the answer.

They've been planning a terrific party and dance for tonight at Fairburn Hall in Chico with the festivities beginning at 2000.

President Frank Marohnich announces that there will be plenty of refreshments, and good music by the Wings of Swing. All you need for admittance is your membership card.

If you want to go and haven't a car, there will be bus service from the U. S. O.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the ladies, said President Marohnich.

Officers Hoop Team Hosts To MAAF Quintet

An officer basketball team from CAAF royally entertained a quintet from Merced Army Air Field here Saturday night by knocking the stuffings out of them in the post gym to the tune of 50–30.

Led by Lt. Sid Story, who tallied 12 points in the first half alone, the local five had a commanding 30–16 margin at the end of the first period.

From then on it was just a case of coasting, even though the Chico Field lead was increased during the second half.

Lt. Story tallied 18 points, followed by Capt. Arthur Buck with 14, and Lt. Burke Jenkins with 12. Other Chico team members and their scoring included Lt. Boyd,2; Lt. Huntsman,0; Lt. Stokes,4.

Blackwell, guard for the visiting team, was high man for his team with ten markers. Others on the Merced team were Hart O. Aronson 4, Ingraham 6, Smith 4, Merands 4. Bennett 2.

BOWLING

OFFICERS' LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Avg.	Pct.
Kiwis	16	2	715	.888
Medics	10	8	607	.555
Sad Sacks	9	9	639	.500
Sub-Depot	8	10	675	.444
Q. M.	7	11	599	.389
Cadets	4	14	582	.222

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More Free Movies In Rec Building Tuesday

The second in a weekly series of free movies at the Recreation Building will be held Tuesday from 1215 to 1250. Military and civilian personnel are invited.

Not a training film, the show will include scenes from battles of the current war, sports shots and varieties. Those who attended the first showing las Tuesday came away with the comment that it was really enjoyable and worth while.

AT POST THEATER

Saterday 4 March

HELLO, FRISCO, HELLO

Alice Faye, John Payne, Jack Oakie

Sunday & Monday

TENDER COMRADE

Ginger Rogers, Robert Ryan and Ruth Hussey

Tuesday

MY BEST GAL

Jane Withers, Jimmy Lydon and

THE CURSE OF THE CAT PEOPLE

Wednesday & Thursday

THE UNINVITED

Ray Milland, Ruth Hussey, and Donald Crisp

Also March of Time

Friday

LADY, LET'S DANCE

Belita, James Ellison

G. I. QUIZ

Special Services Orientation Program

1. Allied bombers are carrying out a "bus schedule bombing offensive" against the Channel coast of France. To make the shortestflight across the Channel would a bomber travel from Dover to Dnieppe, Dunkerque, Calais or Boulogne?

2. "There will be no evasive action and no withdrawal in my theatre of operations," Marshal von Rundstedt declared last week. What is his theatre of opperations?

3. If you were to visit the Caroline Islands, you should not be surprised to hear the native children say "Ohayo" (Japanese for "good morning"); their parents say "Guten morgen" (the German); and the grandparents, "Buenos dias" (the Spanish). Why?

4. Last week the Seventh Army Air Force was "softening up" the Japanese base at Ponape in the Carolines. Would you say Ponape was nearer to the Allied base at Kwapalein or to the Japanese stronghold of Truk?

5. What important rail junction is now threatened by the Russian advance toward Pskov? (Whether you know or not, you may answer this one correctly).

1. Dover to Calais, 22 miles; to Dnieppe, 66 miles; to Boulogne, 30 miles; to Dunkerque, 45 miles.

2. Western Europe, Von Rundstedt is reported to be in command of anti-invasion forces there.

3. The islands have been under Japanese mandate since 1919; they were a German possesion from 1899 to 1919; before 1899 they were ruled by the Spanish.

4. Nearer to Truk; 414 miles. Kwajalein to Ponape, 621 miles.

5. Duo. (Dunno).

1st Lt. M. D. Thompson Is New Director Of CAAF Ground School

First Lieutenant Milton D. Thompson, who has been instructor in aircraft identification here for several months, has been named director of the ground school, replacing Major Charles H. Frost. The latter has been transferred to Fort Worth, Texas.

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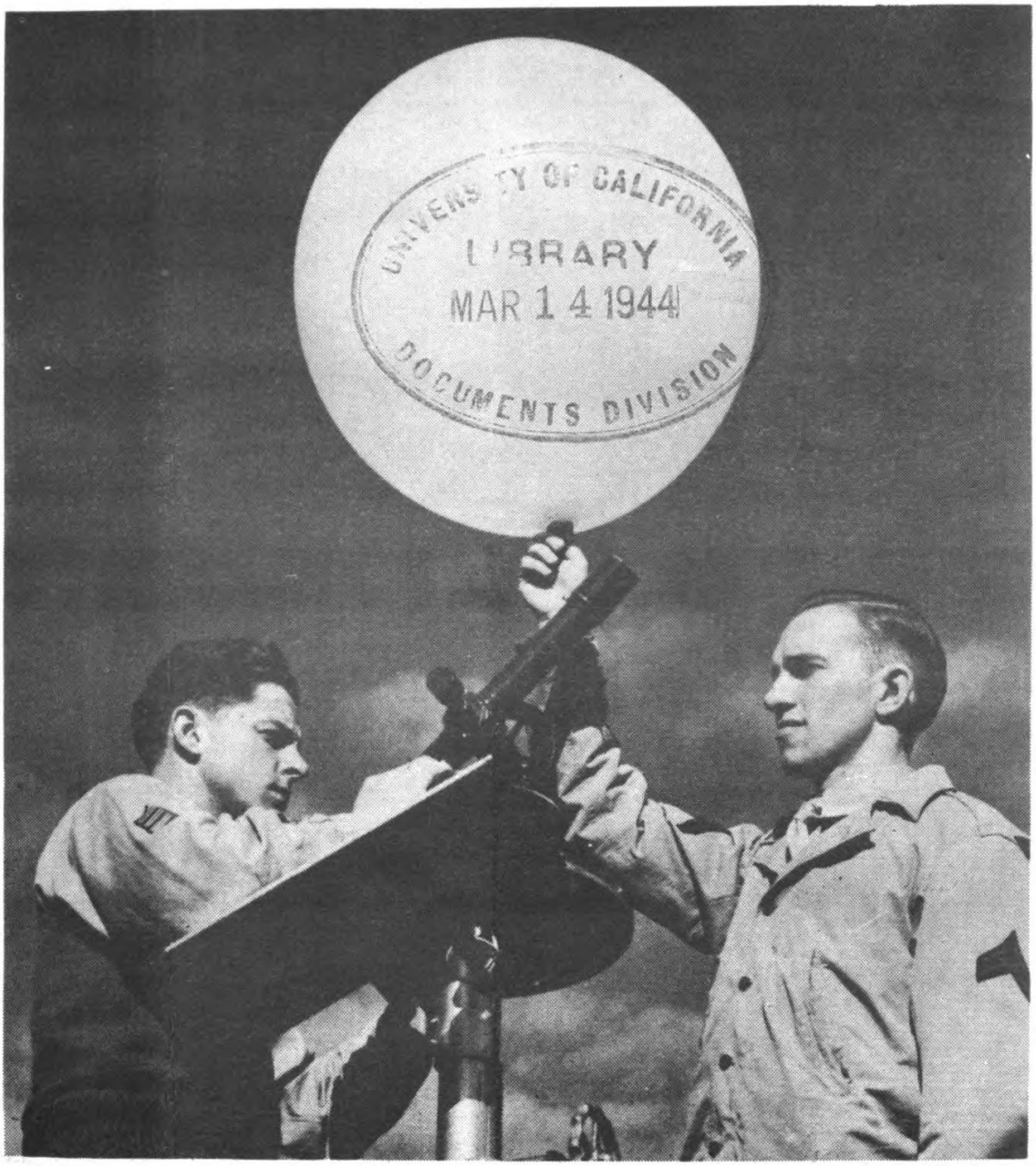
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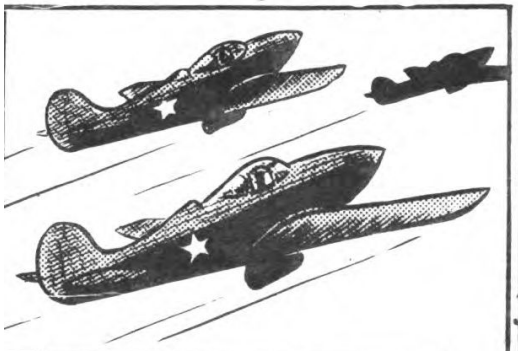
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AIR HEROS of the WESTERN FLYING TRAINING COMMAND

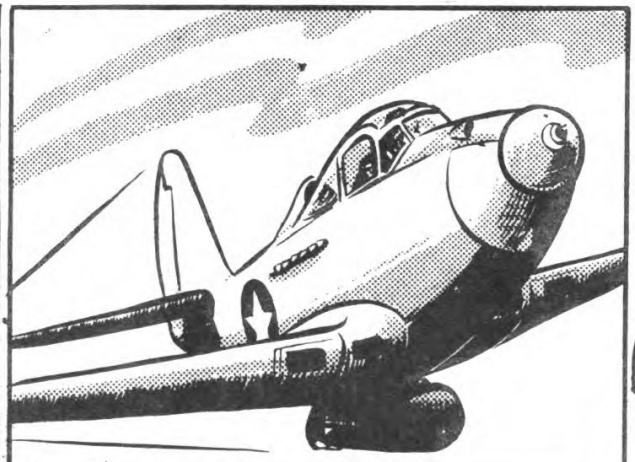
LT. **JOSEPH F. MOORE** QUALIFIED HIMSELF FOR THE 18 MONTHS HE SPENT IN THE SOLOMONS BY GRADUATING FROM **HEMET, GARDNER FIELD** AND **STOCKTON FIELD** -

IN THE FINAL STAGES OF GUADALCANAL THE JAPS WERE MAKING SUICIDAL STANDS IN CAVES -

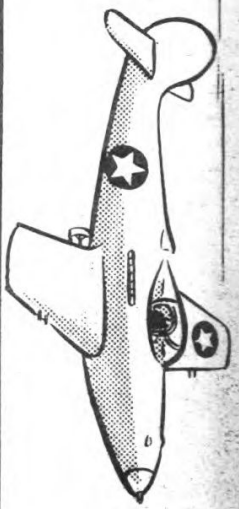
BY T/SGT. JACK O'BRIEN



AFTER SPENDING A DAY IN THE ADVANCE POSITIONS - LT. MOORE AND 11 COMPANIONS TOOK WING IN P-39'S WITH ASHCANS ON THEIR BELLIES -



AT 2500 FEET THE PLANES PEELED OFF ONE BY ONE AND TOGGLED THEIR CHARGES!





THEN THE INFANTRY MOVED IN FINDING PILES OF JAPS WITH HUNDREDS OF THEM KILLED BY CONCUSSION WITHOUT A MARK ON THEIR BODIES!!



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Aerial Combat Nothing New To Pair In 44-F

"I guess they've taken the starch out of it, from what I hear" . . . a slim blond first lieutenant wearing navigator's wings was speaking of Rabaul, the Jap's New Britain base which is being pounded to a fare thee well by American fliers from New Guinea these days.

But he can remember when it was a terrific stronghold, and when a flight over Lae and Salamaua, New Guinea, brought up swarms of Jap Zeros.

He is 1st Lt. Walfried E. Johnson, a student officer at CAAF and former navigator on a B–24 during 42 combat missions in the Southwest Pacific. Like Aviation Cadet Marshall E. Simcox of 44–F, he holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and both are on their way back to the combat zones again as pilots.

Cadet Simcox is a real veteran of the Air Forces, and of combat action in the Pacific.

His fighting experience started at Hickam Field on Dec. 7, 1941, and continued at the Battle of Midway, the entire Solomons campaign, and for a brief period in New Guinea. The cadet, an aerial engineer and top turret gunner, has been on 68 combat missions with a B–17 including several missions softening up Guadalcanal and Tulagi prior to the Marine invasion.

Lt. Johnson first hit combat during the Buna campaign in New Guinea when as a member of the Fifth Air Force, his squadron worked over Lae, Salamaua, Finschafen and took a few trips to Rabaul. Most of this came before the fall of Buna to the 32nd Division.

"Our toughest scrap," he recalled, "was over Lae when we fell out of a formation during a mission on January 8, and ten Zeros took after what they thought was a lame duck. Well, our crew were credited with four of them for certain, and another probable. We were pretty well shot up in the fight, though."

Much of his outfit's work was to bomb the convoys which were trying to sneak in to reinforce Lae and Salamaua. Although he did not participate in the battle, his squadron was the one which spotted the big Jap convoy

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Field Gets Thanks For Start In Red Cross Fund Drive

"Considering many of your contributors are men in uniform who have left their homes, their jobs, and their businesses to fight for us wherever duty may call, it should make us who stay at home realize the seriousness of the situation," wrote J.T. Alm, chairman of the Chico Red Cross War Fund drive, this week in a letter to Mrs. Aileen Glenn, assistant Red Cross Field Director at CAAF.

Thanks came from the local chairman to Mrs. Gerald Hoyle and members of the Red Cross Auxiliary for their work in conducting the drive on the field, results of which have netted more than $1500 so far, with incomplete returns in from civilian employees.

Voluntary contributions still will be accepted at the Red Cross office at the corner of 7th and C streets, north of the athletic field, said Mrs. Glenn, although booths are no longer being maintained.

Former CAAF Officers Figure in Week's News

Three officers formerly assigned either to Moffet Field or Chico Army Air Field have figured in the news this week.

Topping the list is Lt. Col. Harry G. Mumford, former squadron commander here, who last week led a group in the first daylight bomber raid over Berlin in 58 below zero temperatures.

Lt. Col. Dragutin D. Todorovic, who was once with the local medical department, is now the post surgeon at Mather Field, Sacramento.

Lt. Col. Edward L. Reed, one-time executive officer here who left in March, 1943, for the AAF Western Flying Training Command, is now administrative officer of the 302nd Sub-Depot at Stockton Field.

Entire Family Joins Navy

Utica, N.Y. (CNS)—An entire family joined the Navy here recently when Jacob Schremp, 37, a tugboat captain, signed on; his wife, Mary, 28, joined the WAVES; and his son William, 17, became an apprentice seaman.

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Cannot Speed Food Production, Says Captain Storer

As food conservation becomes a more vital problem each week, AAF mess officers continue to impress on mess personnel the importance of careful and frugal preparation.

Captain Gerald Storer, base mess officer, lends to his messages a literary touch worth repeating.

Even though production of tanks, guns, ships and airplanes has been speeded tremendously since the outbreak of war, Capt. Storer tells his men, "it still takes two-and-a-half to three years to grow a steer of edible size and eight months time is necessary to produce crops of potatoes,wheat, sugar beets and corn. In short, all types of production can be speeded up except food production, the most essential of all war merchandise."

"Food," says Capt. Storer, "is an all-powerful weapon which can be held as a bludgeon over Tojo's bald head and can cause Hitler acute gastritis. All mess sergeants and cooks can aid and abet the striking power of this bludgeon by constantly being on the alert for the individual who takes more food on his plate than he can consume."

TROPHY GOES TO TOP CADET ATHLETE

Outstanding athlete of the cadet class of 44-E is the distinction won by Aviation Cadet Robert A. O'Shaugnessey of Oakland, Calif., this week (see photo).

O'Shaugnessey ran the 300 yard shuttle in 44 seconds, did 14 pull-ups and 114 sit-ups to boost his physical fitness ratio to the top of the list in his class. Scoring in the competition is done on the basis of 100 points for a first, 50 for a second and 25 for a third place.

A permanent trophy of no mean proportions goes to O'Shaugnessey and anther will go to the top man in class 44-F when he finishes his training, says Cadet Commandant Major James Martin.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

"THE ENGINEERS' BALL" or "LEST THE BAR FLY"

As I sit here with my mem'ries,
And around the Corps I glance,
My thoughts turn to last evening,
And the Corps of Engineers Dance.

For the good work they did at the bar—
The Roberts' we long will remember,
From the men in the shops & the firemen,
To the last but not least office member.

Les Howe as a bar fly was super,
The technique he used was quite great.
We watched Cpl Bergmann cut capers,
As a dancer, he's really first rate.

We were happy to find the Captain
On the coat rack which stood in the hall,
While a G.I. who resembled him greatly
Inside was the life of the ball!

Chief Stuart and the firemen take honors,
For the number of men represented—
And the things that were said about Norma,
She should be—and is—complimented.

And now as I finish this story,
It's in the cold cruel light of morn.
Burns Morgan is staggering inside,
And is a sight that proves most forlorn.

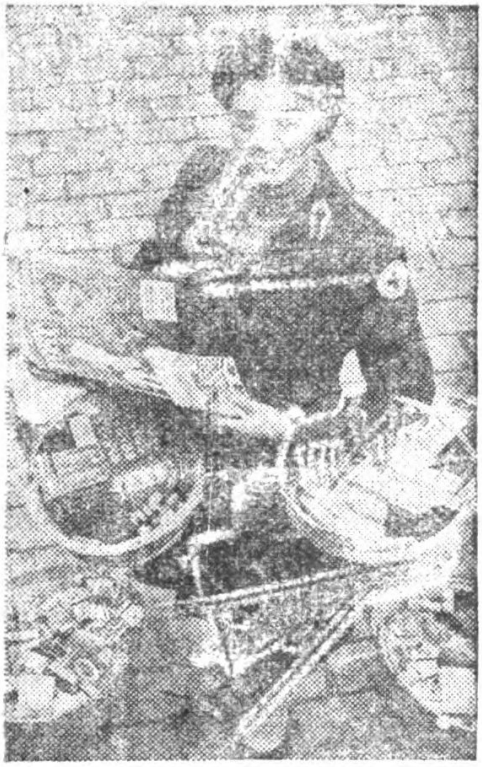
It's wicked to grin, when Martin
Puts his hands to his head with a groan.
If he winces at the scratch of a pen point,
What happens when he hears the ring of a phone?

The Captain has come in—quite weary,
From his efforts with Al's bass viol.
Everyone that comes in through the door way,
Has a self conscious, sick sort of smile!

We look rather wierd here this morning,
But we're each of us glad that we went.
We have vowed to go to the next one,
We aren't broken—but we are slightly bent!

The Electricians fixed Thelma up with a huge birthday box Wednesday, wrapping such oddly assorted gifts as were available. Most of them, upon being unwrapped, came under the heading of Salvage—but the candy in the bottom of the box proved to be a different story.

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LITTLE GIFTS FROM HOME —It's Miss Virginia Mitchell's job to cheer up wounded soldiers being sent to a port of debarkation for home. A Red Cross worker from Detroit, she passes out smiles, cigarettes, smoking tobacco and other items to boys on a North African hospital train.

Cadet Squadrons Score As "Best of Week"

In a new competition set up by Major James R. Martin, Jr., cadet commandant, Squadron 3 of cadet class 44-E and Squadron 12 of 44-F were chosen last week as "best of the week" in all around performance.

Competition is based on drill, barracks inspection, classroom and mess hall conduct and area policing, according to Major Martin. One squadron in each class will be selected each week.

Red Army Names Two Chief Marshals

Moscow (CNS) —The Supreme Soviet has appointed two new chief marshals in the Red Army, it was announced here recently. They are Marshal Alexander Alexandrovich Novikoff, named Air Chief Marshal, and Marshal Nikolai Nikolayevich Voronoff, named Artillery Chief Marshal.

Aerial Combat Not New To 44-F Pair

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in the Bismark Sea, and kept it shadowed until it was completely destroyed by Allied air power.

Lt. Johnson left the war theatre in June, 1943.

Cadet Simcox already had been in the Hawaiian Islands a year or more when war struck at Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field. But he got in some licks of his own in June, **1942 when the Forts went out from Hickam when the Japs tried to invade Midway.**

"Our formation was under Lt. Col. Sweeney, and it was credited with scoring hits on some cruisers and a flat top. The fighter opposition wasn't to strong at the time, as most of the Jap Zeros were in at Midway itself.

"We next saw action in bombing the Solomons before the invasion, and from that time until March 2, 1943 we were plenty busy around there. I guess the highlight of my experience there was when we were out on patrol alone in the "Yankee Doodle Junior."

"We spotted a Jap cruiser in the channel between Guadalcanal and Tulagi, and scored two direct hits on her. One was amidships and one on the stern. Its destruction was confirmed by observers on Guadalcanal.

"During the campaign our crew was credited with shooting down six enemy planes."

He related that although during the first weeks of the campaign the combat crews had to service their own planes, things were fairly well cleared up when he left. A bout of malaria kept him in Hawaiia 20 days before coming back to the States.

Lt. Johnson said that he preferred future action in more maneuverable aircraft, while Cadet Simcox said he would stick with the heavies.

Also taking flight training here are 1st Lt. William S. Hill Jr., of Boise, Idaho, an Infantry officer who saw action in the Southwest Pacific and Cadets Robert S. Lovett of Mill Valley, Calif., who was in the Aleutians, and Raymond C. Branyon, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who had three years and 11 months in the Caribbean Defense Area with the AAF.

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CHAPEL SERVICES

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ROMAN CATHOLIC

Mass 0800 and 1740

Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning worship at 1015; sermon,"He Was Practical." Special music: Mrs H. W. Vaughn vocal solo. Vesper service at 1630. Holy Communion.

Dwight E. LaFollette, Chaplain

Night Telephone Rates Now Begin At 6 P.M.

Reduced rates for long distance telephone service are now in effect from 6 p.m. to 4:30 a.m., H.L. Hudson, camp telephone manager for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company announced this week.

This change became effective on March 1. Formerly the night discount period was from 7 p.m. to 4:30 a.m.

MUSINGS FROM THE 78th

By J.R. Haines

The morale of the field went up quite a bit with some very deserving ratings being given out. Our squadron along with others more than welcomed these advancements as it has been a long time since any were given out.

The following men were advanced in grade with—

Rudy L. Redel to M/Sgt., Max Slosbergto T/Sgt.,Jack Ferderer to Sgt.

Advanced to corporal were—

Allan Benson, Herman Johnston, Walter Swenson, Rudy Ungaretti, Richard McGlohn, and yours truly J.R. Haines.

To PFC were—

M.M. Reed, Chester Farris, Frederick Lyons, Robert Malloy, Rollan Kelley, Glen Snider, and Robert Byers.

S/Sgt Morris is doing a very efficient job as acting 1st Sgt in the absence of 1st Sgt Anderson who is spending his furlough with relatives and friends in Michigan.

Very glad to see Pvt Rose back after spending some time in the hospital.

Joe Collins is slinging the donuts and coffee over the rail at the "Sad Sack."

Some one told me that Beer Baron Dubile was a little peeved because he didn't make sergeant. Better luck next time, Louie.

We wish Pfc Robert Malloy the best of everything as he is now working for his gunners wings. Good luck Bob.

T/Sgt Bavitz, S/Sgt Benjamin and S/Sgt Dahl are now keeping them flying at our old never to be forgotten field, Victorville. Good luck, fellows, wherever you go.

L'Envoi

Some G.I.s manicure latrines.
Some officers are submarines.
I'd rather, though it does not matter.
Be the former than the latter.

Pvt Frank Powers.

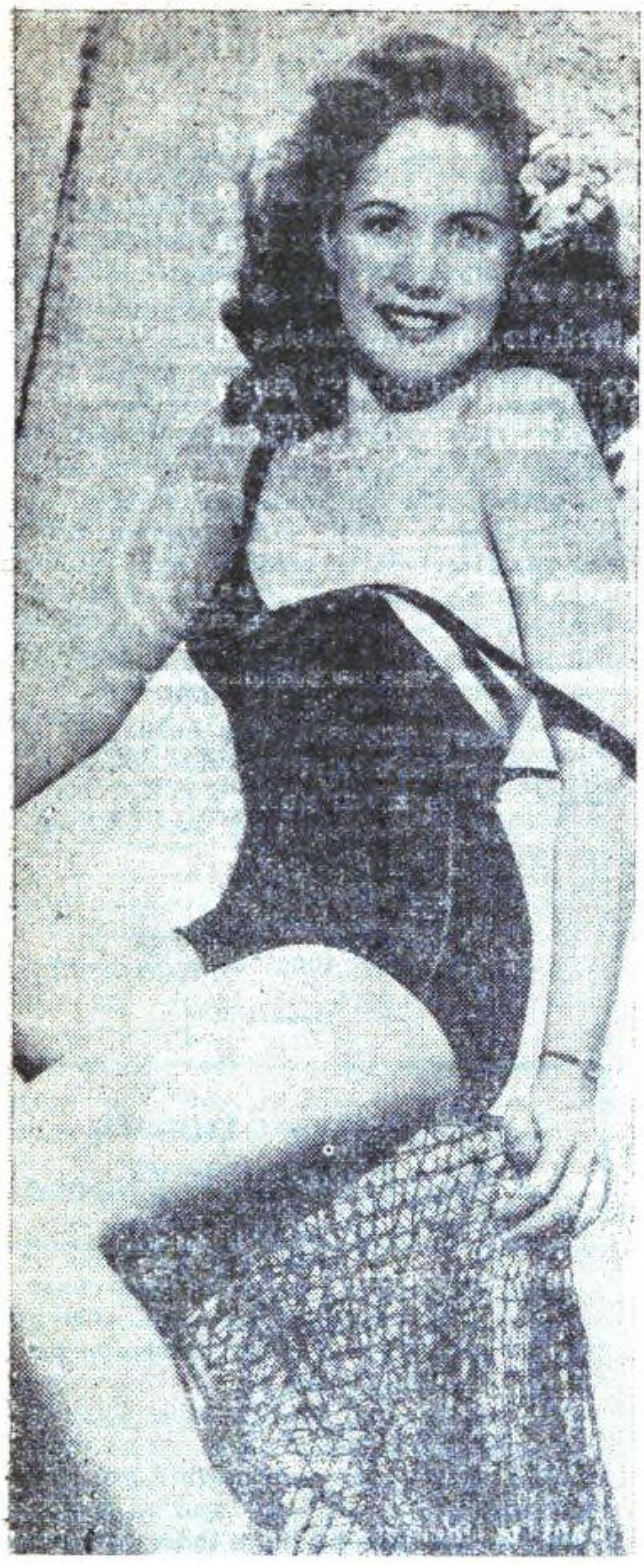
The boys stood retreat last Tuesday evening. They made a very good showing.

Guess I have given out with all the news I could scrape up. So until next week I'll say let me know if you hear any good rumors.

Melrose Park, Pa. (CNS)—The Union for the Detection of Horse Thieves and the Recovery of Stolen property cancelled its annual meeting when it discovered that there weren't any horse thieves around any more and that all the towns horses were working.

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OUT OF UNIFORM!



Here's a gal who's a little too careless to pass inspection but the M.P.'s would find out her name is Pat Sterling and she will be seen in Charles R. Rodger's, "Song of the Open Road" released by United Artists.

Basketball Players Visit Chico Army Air Field

Last week Chico Army Air Field was host to a group of northern California high school students who were here for the Chico High basketball tournament. They were conducted through the various unrestricted areas of the post, including the Ground School, Library, Chapel, War Room, Link Trainer, Cadet Area, Post Exchange and Theater.

The tour was arranged by Major Ben H. Winkelman and 2nd Lt. Vesta M. Arnold. About 60 youth were on the field.

USO TO STAGE LEAP YEAR DANCE

Tonight the USO will have its regular buffet supper at 1830, followed by the free motion picture, "Shadow of a Doubt."

There will also be a formal "Leap Year Dance" at Memorial Hall from 2100 to 2330.

Thursday night following the Contact Chico broadcast in Memorial Hall there will be dancing from 2100 to 2300.

Friday, March 17, there will be a St. Patrick's Day Dance at the Club in Chico.

A week from tonight there will be the buffet, and the movie, "Gunga Din" with Cary Grant and Victor McLaglen.

BOWLING

OFFICERS LEAGUE

Team—	Won	Lost	Avg.	Pct.
Kiwis	18	13	715	.857
Sad Sacks	11	10	643	.524
Medics	11	10	603	.524
Sub-Depot	9	12	675	.429
Q. M.	8	13	603	.381
Cadets	6	15	590	.286

Field Glasses Save Life of Makin Invader

Makin (CNS) —T/Sgt Mike Thompson, of New York, waded into the battle for Makin with a pair of field glasses slung on the back of his cartridge belt. A few minutes later he reached for the glasses, found they had been shattered by a Jap bullet. Had they not been slung where they were, the bullet would have entered the base of his spine.

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Three Shots, Three Germans At 900 Yards is Yank's Score

The War Department told today of the exceptional marksmanship of an Infantry corporal who fired three shots for his rifle to bring down three German soldiers at a range of 900 yards while in action against the enemy on the Italian front.

The sharpshooting was credited to Corporal James E. Meskill of Brantwood, Wisconsin, fighting with the Fifth Army's 36th Division. Each of the Germans had been mortally wounded, it was determined later.

AT POST THEATER

Saturday, March 11

NINE GIRLS

Ann Harding, Evelyn Keyes and Jeff Donnell

Sunday & Monday

SEE HERE, PRIVATE HARGROVE

Robert Walker, Donna Reed

Tuesday

ROSIE THE RIVETER

Frank Albertson, Jane Frazee and Vera Vague

Wednesday & Thursday

THE PURPLE HEART

Dana Andrews, Richard Conte and Donald M. Barry

Friday

CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan

79th Members Strike Oil But No Cigars

By "Dry" Martini

Several members of our squadron struck oil. (STRIPES). Altho cigars are something of the past—cigars and cokes are still available. Notice; Mr. "By line" is making use of above information.

An enjoyable time was had by all on our "Bivouac." Hi lights of the event were "B-17 (Pvt George Davidson) trying to gather up enough equipment to make the formation. The surprise gas attack, while descending a 30 ft. cliff, gassing nobody but the attackers themselves. Our CO Major Call and Lt. Hudson teaching the fine arts of erecting a "pup" tent. M/Sgt Levy, Sgt. of the guard, and his brigade of guards, were the security patrol of the night.

Our bonfire quartet, was headed by that Irish tenor, whose golden voice you have all heard, none other than "Swoon" 1st Sgt McCormack. Same quartet was enjoyed by all concerned.

Returning back to Chico Field, poor George B-17 Davidson was still struggling to get enough equipment together to start out on the same "Bivouac."

Another Variation to "A Small World" Theme

There have been so many occurences in this war demonstrating the axiom that its a small world, that most of them don't bear telling more than once.

But we heard of one the other day which is a little out of the ordinary.

Pvt Sam P. Palmer of the 79th has been in the army over a year now, and no doubt has looked at his mess kit more than a few times. But down at Victorville, where he was with the CAAF detachment last month, it was necessary to polish it up for inspection.

While doing this he noticed some letters stamped in the plate, and he became curious as to whom had owned the kit before him.

The name was Frank W. Palmer, his father, who had been issued the equipment during World War I.

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Sgt. Yank's Medal

They gave Sergeant Joe Yank a medal—and he deserved it. He saved a Fortress by putting out a fire and shooting down three German fighters. But that medal—like valor itself—can never belong exclusively to Sergeant Yank. Another Fortress in his formation went down—and ten boys died. They rest in a common grave near Marienburg, but in the sodden clay a medal glints.

And at the Schillerplatz prison camp, one of our fighter pilots is handed his daily dole of black bread and soup. Is it the clatter of a filthy spoon or the tinkle of clean bronze he hears? Sergeant Yank's medal belongs to this pilot—and to that mechanic who is sweating out a hopeless vigil beneath the drizzly English sky. The word is passed: "All planes are home that are coming home!"—and as the tired boy drops a hand from wincing eyes his sleeve brushes against Sergeant Yank's medal.

Back home at a training field, a civilian instructor envies a combat pilot his wings, then turns to risk his neck with a new cadet. He feels no tiny weight upon his blouse, but he wears an unseen wreathed cross. And what of Sergeant Yank's girl in the WACs; his mother keeping watch beside a clock; his dad on the night shift at a war plant? That medal must multiply three times more.

And who will be the next to stand in spirit beneath the flag while the khaki ranks march past and the phantom drums roll out their applause? Any American may stand there—white or black; rich or poor; soldier or civilian—stand as a hero taking the salute. But first he must earn the right to say: "I scorned the selfish ones, the apathetic and the faithless time-servers. I turned my face to the enemy and I did fight with all I had." for such a one the silver sword will flourish; and for him, as for all the nameless valiant, the medal of Sergeant Yank shall glow in the sunlight of victory.

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

News Of The 97th

By Cpl Winn E. Coe

The 97th wishes to extend a hearty welcome to 1st Lt. John B. Thurman who took over his duties as squadron adjutant Wednesday March 8th.

T/Sgt Pfaendtner left this week for Bryan Field, Texas for further training in Link. Sgt Shaw is looking for a new Saturday night chauffeur and will accept any reliable man who can qualify and pass the test.

During the past week a number of men have been transferred from this squadron to other points. Those leaving were Pfc Percy Ray, Raymond Karnopp, and R.H. Staley, Pvts T.F. Browiack, L. Foster, R.H. Placer, E.H. Easterday, C.W. McCall, and A.J. Jones.

After much waiting for an assignment on the line, the transfer has been made, and S/Sgt Scoffield is happy about the whole thing. Sgt H.S. Long is replacing him in the school secretary's office.

Advancements in the squadron were made this month by the following: S/Sgt Alexander Serowik to T/Sgt; Sgt Chester G. Jacobsen and Jake W. Thurman to S/Sgt; Cpl John E. Hayes to Sgt; Pfc's Kurt C. Coleman, Robert G. Kerler, Bryan C. Light, Jack C. Winter, Arthur J. Wrinkle and Howard J. Wynne to Corporal; Pvts Clark L. Burr, Ernest A. Curtis, Amel M. Murray, James E. Dingus, Frederick A. Eggersdorff, Francis D. Herrinand Gerald Stone to Pfc. Congratulations! Haven't seen any cigars but we have plenty of patiencs.

Major Winkelman has informed our CO that a basketball trophy has been ordered and will be presented in the near future. It is our information that another squadron on the field has ordered a softball trophy but if I were in their shoes I wouldn't have it engraved until after the season is over.

M/Sgt Hare seemed to enjoy getting in his five hours of link on Saturday night, along with afew others who failed to mark up their time.

The squadron dance is tonight, so get into your best blue serge and take off. A good time will be the motto of the evening, plenty of food and music, and girls if you take one.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE

Sgt Hayes with a sore nose. No new rumors. No new romances. I could be wrong on that one. Hamby broke. No mail for Callamaras.

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Bivouac Is High Spot of 10th's Week

By Cpl. Sanford Sindell

I sit here with a turkish towel draped over my dome and a load of aspirins as I pinch-hit for the 10th scribe, S/Sgt. Bill Carah, who is on furlough and we hope having a good time . . . . A new addition to the 10th, not authorized in the manning tables, is Cpl. John J. McClellan's 7 pound 10 ounce daughter, Janet Anne. — The 10th lost Sgt. Harold S. Long from the A/C Section of Unit Personnel in Headquarters to the Director of Training Office, and our loss in the 97th's gain. Good luck, Harold! Scandal has it that T/Sgt. Leo Hibler is suing his daily passenger, T/Sgt. Bob Harrison for a new set of rear springs for his Chevvy.

One hundred and twenty-two men of the fighting 10th went on a bivouac this week. The men went in two groups and trekked through Bidwell Park, where they got a taste of real soldiering on the outside. Quote F/Sgt. Carlton Kuchinski, "everything went according to schedule and the bivouac proved very successful." I wonder if T/Sgt. D. W. Pedersen followed the schedule? The story goes that Pedersen was a little over zealous in collecting wood and obtained a laceration in his forearm. Suggested reading material: "How George Washington Cut Down a Cherry Tree." There was plenty of food for second helpings and the open air feed was super. The men learned how to pitch tents along with other worthwhile and constructive things they didn't know before.

"KEEP 'EM ROLLING"

By Jake

Something awful must have happened to our reporter "Ernie"; she suddenly ups and refuses point blank to write another word. And our fair young damsel "Barbara" has the same attitude. My, but these women sure have funny ways. Wonder what could have happened anyway?????

Well, we have "Hank" Hendricksen back out of the hospital after two weeks of the mumps. Word is that he is to work for Rail Transportation.

We also are busy giving driving tests to all the personnel of the field. S/Sgt Papez, Pfc Wilber, Pvt Ruben and Sgt Quinlan have been grading papers. Some got a 100% score and some grades were awful. I wonder where some get their answers, for they really are a howl.

Since the weather is so nice, our drivers are busy performing their 1st echelon that was negelcted during the bad weather. Tightening of nuts and bolts, washing and painting are in order. We intend to uphold the good record we have, thanks to all Motor Pool drivers and NCOs in charge.

Pvt Rohleen seems to be very happy now since he got married. Hope he can always feel the same!!! Congratulations Rohleen!!

The lone wolf, Parascondola sure must have a good hiding place. Just about every bar and rendezvous in Chico was searched for him when he was on a three day pass. We know you were in Chico, Paras, but where????

We hope to find out what happened to Ernie in next week's column.

Three Weddings in Post Chapel

Two soldier weddings were solemnized in the post chapel recently, with plenty of rice sprinkled about the door testifying as to the enthusiasm of the newlyweds' friends.

Sunday afternoon Miss Mary Casale of Red Bluff, Calif., became the bride of Pvt Marion P. Twidwell of the 10th. They were attended by Miss Bobbie Houk of Chico and Cpl Wayne J. Barry of the 78th. Chaplain LaFollette performed the ceremony.

In the evening at a formal rite, Miss Britta Sigrid Rood, also of Chico, was married to Cpl George Callamaras of the 79th. Miss Marilyn Myers of Chico was maid of honor, Miss Emma Uhl of Chico, bridesmaid, and Mrs. Eric Rood was matron of honor. Pvt. John J. Warner of the 79th was best man. Chaplain LaFollette also performed this ceremony.

On Saturday, Elaine Smith, of Dallas, Texas, was married to Aviation Cadet Warren F. Tyson, also of Dallas. They were attended by Mrs. Frances E. Murdock and Mrs. Bryan H. Woodward, both of Chico.

In addition to the three ceremonies, the engagement of Miss Irma Lee Hill to Sgt Ralph H. Shepard Jr. of West Hartford, Conn., and the 97th, was made in Chico. He is a Link instructor.

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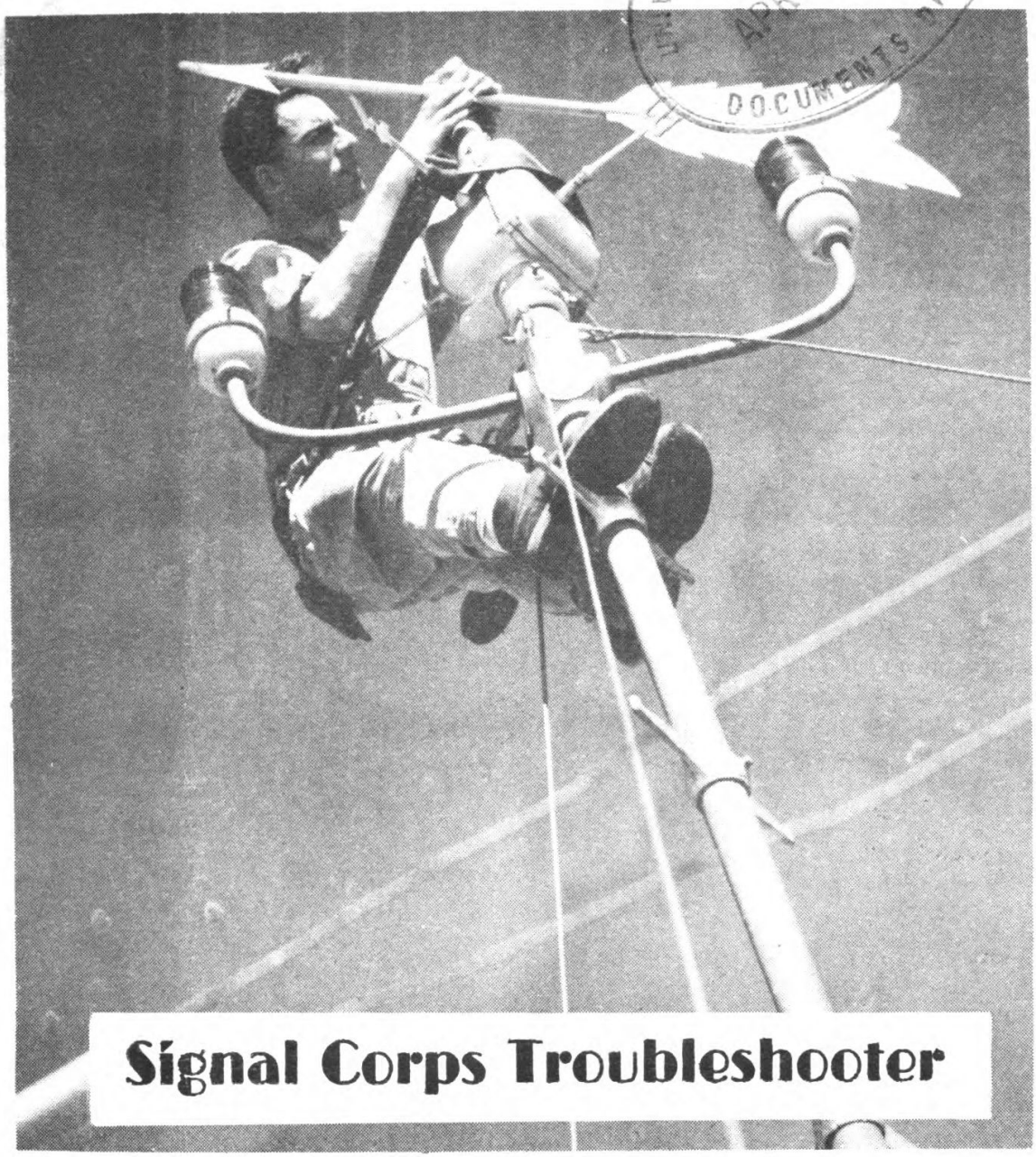
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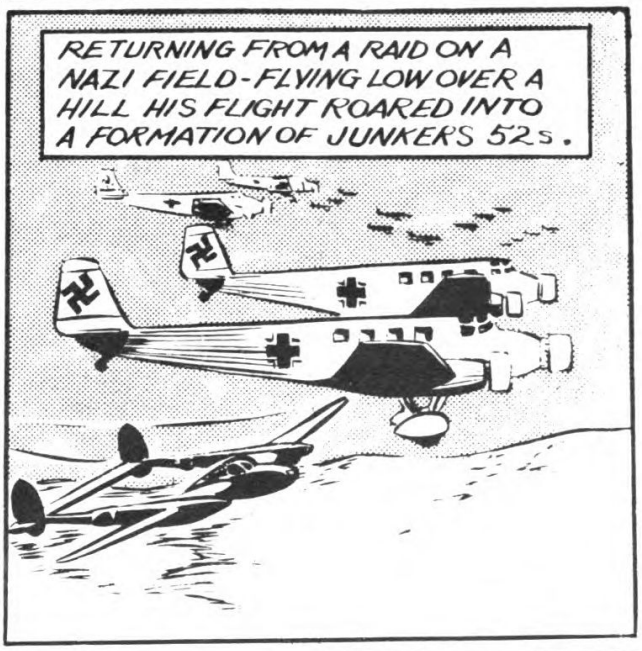
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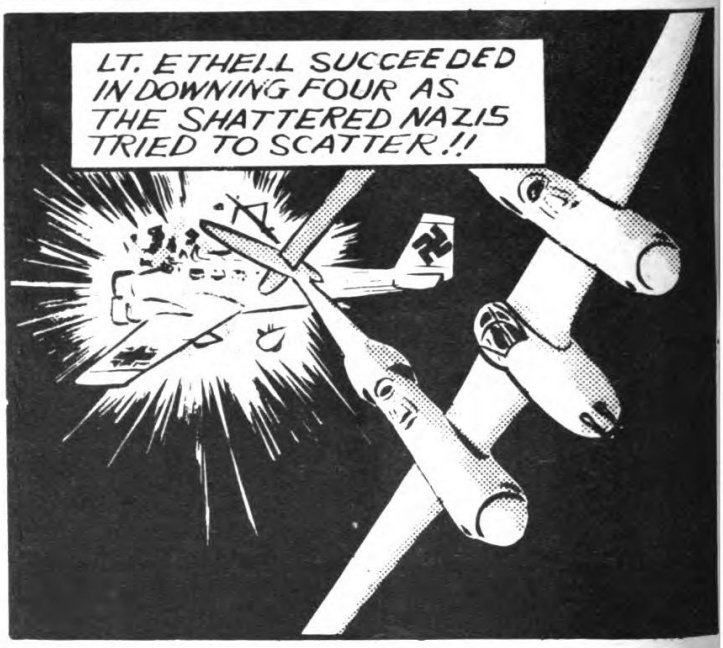
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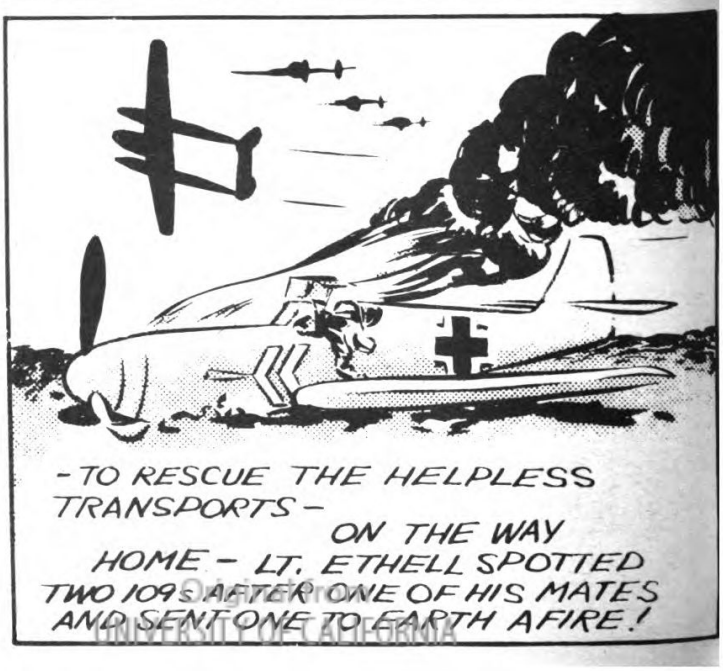
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Air Crew Training Period Lengthened

A revised program effective March 14 throughout the AAF Training Command's nationwide network of flying schools added nine weeks to the individual training period for U. S. fighter pilots and five weeks to the schedule for bomber pilots, according to word received at Chico Army Air Field from the Training Command headquarters in Fort Worth.

"Each of the periods required to complete the curricula for preflight training and for primary, basic and advanced pilot training has been extended from nine to ten weeks. In addition, a new five week transition course, officialy designated "fighter transition, single engine and fixed gunnery," has been established for fighter pilots. The nine weeks of transition training heretofore given bomber pilots in the 2 or 4 engine specialized schools has been stretched to ten weeks. Training Command officers explained that with the exception of the new transition course for fighter pilots the revised schedule is a reversion to the "ten week per phase" system employed before Pearl Harbor. The reduction of the phases from ten to nine weeks was made shortly after the U.S. entered the war and maintained up to date in order to meet the critical and heavy demand for pilots for the Air Forces in all theatres.

Now, the requirements of the combat Air Forces are being filled adequately, the Training Command said, and it is possible to slow down the tempo of pilot training to provide more time for students to absorb the complex instruction and to reduce the mental and physical pressure under which they study and practice. No lengthning of the five weeks of basic military training and the approximate 21½ weeks of aircrew college training is contemplated at this time.

Assuming no changes in the interim, combat units will benefit from the cumulative effect of the new time schedule gradually over a period between now and late 1945 as each succesive shipment of pilots reports with more training than the preceding shipment.

FIGHTER TRANSITION

Most significant feature of the new program is the fighter transition course. The Training Command has given its bomber pilots transition training on two or four engine combat type aircraft before sending them to the "training" Air Forces—the First, Second, Third and Fourth Air Forces, operating in the continental U.S. to mold Training Command graduates into combat crews in three months of operapletion of the advance phase of their training. Transition training for them was included in the O.T.U.'s curricula.

Under the new setup the fighter pilot, single engine school with wings and a commission, gets ten ys leave, then returns to his "Alma Mater" for the five weeks transition course.

The new course gives him 20 hours of fied gunnery trainirg in the advanced single engine airplane, learning to "shoot'," his airplane as well as fly it, ten hours of actual logged flying time on the P-40 airplane, and advanced ground instruction in weather, navigation, maintenance functions and operation of combat type aircraft and other related subjects. Previously the fixed gunnery training and the flying time on the P-40 were given in the advanced single engine course.

Training Command officers cite the advantages of the new phase as being: (1) Students are graduated as more proficient pilots because they are able to concentrate on perfecting their pilotage without the distraction of fixed gunnery and combat transition, (2) As more finished pilots the graduates enter the new transition course free to concentrate on gunnery and the P 40 airplane, (3) They leave transition and move into the "team transitionn" of the training Air Forces much better, all around pilots, ready for the more intricate and difficult operational training.

B-25 SCHOOLS OUT

Other new developments in the training program announced here included the following. Two engine specialized schools for transition training in B25 Billy Mitchell Bombers are being discontnued as a result of the successful use of a stripped down version of the B-25 designated the AT-24 in the advanced twin engine schools at La-

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G. I.'s BARRED FROM AIR CREW TRAINING FOR TIME BEING

No additional AAF enlisted men will be accepted for air crew training as pilots, bombardiers, or navigators, according to an announcement from AAF Headquarters in Washington, D. C., received here this week.

The only exception to the closing of cadet training to AAF enlisted men is in the case of gunners who have returned from combat duty.

The decision to halt the signing up of G. I's as cadets resulted f om the fact that there is a large backlog of air crew applicants for pilot, bombardier and navigator training.

However, those who wish to qualify for gunnery training still may do so.

The announcement f om Washington declared that this is not a permanent stoppage and that it does not affect applications for aviation cadet ground duty training.

The restriction on air crew training will be lifted when the present backlog has been elminated, the announcement said.

AIR CREW TRAINING PERIOD LENGTHENED

(Continued From Page 3)

Junta Army Air Field, Colo.; Brooks Field near San Antonio, Tex.; and Tu ner Field, Alban, Ga. In these schools, cadets have proved that they can reach a degree of p o-ficiency in the handling of the big bombers that qualifies them for assignment direct to the operational training units without the usual transition training. The same modified version of the P-25 is being used now by the Training Command to prepare an unspecified number of pilots for assignments as night fighters.

A limited number of student fighter pilots in advanced training are being groomed for duty as photo reconnaissance pilots. They are given time on the P-322 airplane, a modification of an early model of the famed P-38 Lightning twin tailed, twin engine fighter. Because photo reconnaissance pilots penetrate deep into enemy skies, far from their home bases, alone and unarmed, special emphasis is placed on navigation and high altitude flying in this course.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES ARE COMMENDED BY COLONEL HOYLE

Civilian employees of Chico Army Air Field were doubly proud last week.

They had the satisfaction of a job well done in their la:ge contributions to the American Red Crooss war fund drive, and in an official commendation f om Colonel Gerald Hoyle, commanding officer, for their efforts.

The lette', written to department heads employing civilians, follows:

"1. Final reports on the 1944 Red Cross cluded on this Station indicate that civilian Membership Fund Campaign recently con-employees made cash cont ibutions of about $1200. The campaign resul's in the 19th Sub Depot were particularly gratifying. The av-e:age contribution there was substantially in excess of national industrial averages.

"2. The civilian employees are to be con-gratulated o this splendid record. Such generous support of our national institutions is the type of fighting spirit among civilians so vital to the successful p osecution of our victorious war effort.

"3. It is desired that the contents of this letter be b ought to the attention of those key civilian supervisors who so successfully directed this campaign.

GERALD HOYLE,
Colonel, Air Co ps,
Commanding."

Doris Christensen to Marry S-Sgt. Thurmon

At 1930 in the post chapel tonight, Miss Doris Christensen of Chico will become the bride of S/Sgt. Jake Thurmon, supply sergeant of the 97th. Chaplain Dwight La-Follette will officiate.

The futuree Mrs. Thurmon is a veteran employee of CAAF, and now is working in the TJA's office. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Christensen. S/Sgt. Thurmon is a resident of Spokane, Wash., and is the son of Mrs. Lena Thurmon.

The bride-to-be will be attended by her sisters, Miss Donna Christensen and Mrs. Clyde E. Good. Best man will be Lieutenant Good, formerly stationed at this field.

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NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE 97th . . .

By Sgt. Charles A. Helmer

Back from his five day leave, looking happy and rested up a bit, is our Squadron Commander, Major Howard . . .

A note of interest is the coming marrlage of S/Sgt Jake Thurmon and Miss Doris Christensen at the Post Chapel this evening. S/Sgt. Thurmon is our very capable supply sergeant and Miss Christensen works in the TJA office. The entire squadron wishes you both the best of everything.

A loss to Post Operations and the squadron is the transfer of Sgt. Leo Myers and Cpl Philip Jones to Gulfport, Mississippi.

Have you noticed the smile on Sgt Littrell's face these days?.....His wife is here on a visit from Marshhfield, Oregon.

At the PX the other morning were Tech Sgt. Tufford, S/Sgt. Provan and Cpl. Gilliam trying to figure out who was going to pay for the coffee and doughnuts . . . I wonder who the lucky fellow was?

A very happy member of the 97th is Pfc Charles Hailey who is the proud father of an eight pound baby girl born this past week.....sure wish I could collect some of those cigars.....

A picnic was held at Bidwell Park last Sunday by some of the fellows and their wives. Those present were S-Sgts Kelly, Wilson and Sudbury, Sgts Shaw and Stoy, and Cpl Flock and the better halves.

'Tis rumored that S-Sgt Sudbury got lost in post operations the other day. you should come around more often, Jay.

Sgt Tatosian thinks he should get another pass so he can return on a visit to Redding....Wonder what the big atraction is over there?

I finally found out that the trees being planted in the squadron area are orange trees. Now the fellows want to know how long before the oranges appear on them.... Maybe Sgt Bennie Smith can enlighten us on the question.....

S/Sgt George Singer of Stage Supply is back in the harness again after a swell furlough spent at his home.

T-Sgt Hildebrand, a former link instructor at CAAF, dropped in on his friends the other day for a visit. He tells the boys he is now stationed at Tulare, Calif.

We are sorry to hear that S-Sgts Flaurr and Neyland, Sgt Gregory, Pfc Stuart and Pvt Pickerel are in the hospital. Hope you are up and well again by the time this clumn goes to press.

Anyone interested in joining the softball team should contact M-Sgt Hare or First Sgt Bailey as soon as possible. Lets get a softball team and show the rest of the field that the 97th can play softball as well as they do basketball.

"KEEP 'EM ROLLING"

Perhaps some of you will be on the dubious side, but we have found what is believed to be the "Eighth Wonder of the World." We know that the "Seven Wonders of the World" is said to have been applied by Antipater of Sidon in about the 2nd century, B. C. Those seven wonders include the Pyramids of Egypt, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Statue of Jupiter at Olympia, the Temple of Diana at Ephesus, the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, the Colossus at Rhodes and the Pharos of Alexandria. Whether or not this "Eighth Wonder has been in an abysmal depression is not known. But it came upon us suddenly, without warning and our emotions were aroused by its' inexplicable mystery and utter silence. What is this Eighth Wonder of the World? None other than seeing Jake Themann doing the JITTERBUG routine at the QM-Medic party this Saturday past.

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were awarded Drivers' medals by Captain Ritter, for their excellent records as drivers and for the performance of first echelon maintenance on their vehicles: Cpls. Von Wald, Austin, Grainger, Hall and Smith; Pfcs. Bauer, Czyzewski, Gerome, Parascondola, Bowers, Mundy, Priee, Robards and Rivers; Pvts. Sandagata, Stefanowicz, Glover, Goodwin, Green, Hunley, Hobby, Jones, Scott and Williams.

We didn't think Ruben could stick to his resolution to stay on the Post for three months, so far so good, Rube. another month to go. (What happens then??)

Rumors are that a certain shy, timid Pfc is quite a wolf!! Sgt. Dawson walking on air since the arrival of his wife.

We believe Sgt. Drake of Ordnance has the heartiest laugh on the field. He can be heard all over the place. (How come you're so allergic to red-heads, Drake?)

Spring fever has hit most of us. Softball to start, everyone wishing they could take the afternoon off. Oh me, what a life. It can't last forever!!

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Here's to Tokio

The RAF and the AAF have said that Berlin would be destroyed. In the name of murdered Warsaw and ruined Prague and wounded London, we have battered down the Nazi capital. The whirlwind of retribution is sighing loud through its desolated streets. For the evil of the Huns we returned justice. Verily their cimes have found them out; and the buzzards hhvae come home to roost in broken tees along the Wilhelmstrasse.

Men of the Army Air Forces, we have another appointment in a city as wicked as Berlin. Its nme is Tokio. Fatuous and phoney liberals still speak of Japan's capital as a modern city peopled by humn beings. But Tokio was never modern. It stands in the black shadow of feudalism, a citadel of the Twelfth Century. In Tokio as late as eighteen sixty, courteous apes wearing padded armor fought tribal feuds. In Tokio, Today, women ae sold for a cup of rice; and all its residents worship a creature on a white horse as the Sun God himself.

In Tokio, the ambush at Pearl Harbor was plotted. In Tokio, the death march from Bataan was ordered. In Tokio, American flyers were led to face an executioner who wielded a medieval sword. In Tokio, our enemy decreed that seven thousand American prisoners shoold be starved and beaten to death. Did the Sun God of the Japs assert his omnipotent might against these murderers? Did his fanatiial worshipers petition him to show his mercy? We have no record that a single Japanese in Tokio did anything but cheer.

So let them have their applause and merriment. A tidal wave of blood is moving on that city. As Berlin already has become, so Tokio shall be. In Tokio—the shrine of savagery and lust —the streets will blaze with phosphorus and a great storm will whiten with a hail of broken bones. Here's to Tokio, American flyers—Tokio, the city that was.

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

. ENGINEERS .

We dedicated our column this week to the members of the CAAF band—in recognition of their unlimited and uncomplaining services....For the gratifying and unfailing courtesy —they show when their work orders to the Engineers are completed.....

Silently, with muffled tread,
The band, by Modell, to the Corps is lead.
With sober faces, but smiling eyes,
They twice have stunned us with surprise!
The windows open, as one by one,
We blindly grin and face the sun.
Listening to that 2 - 4 beat
We watch with interest unruly feet!
Norma secretly winks at Jack.....
He wears dark glasses but winks right back.
The tuba player sends his notes to Jean,
The trombone player smiles at Eileen.
They've finished playing....are through for —the day,
We applaud, but sadly, as they march away.
Now we'll hear their music on a special recorder,
Until we complete their next work order.
And suddenly, it seems not right,
That they should perform just to be polite
If they'd come more often bewteen work orders,
They'd find we weren't such rabid hoarders!

The Corps of Engineers Dance coming up April the 1st promises to be even bigger, better, and more fun than the one held a coouple of weeks ago. Coming as it does on the traditional "Fools" Day .... We are sure that Sgt Morgan will be in his element, at least for the duration of the dance!

"Contact Chico" Time Changed

"Contact Chico." CAAF's weekly radio show, will move to a new time beginning next Thursday, 30 March.

Hereafter, the local talent broadcast will be heard at 2200 instead of 2030 on Thursdays over radio statioon KHSL. Other features of the show will remain the same, with a dance program alternating every other week with the variety show.

Watch for "THE PAYOFF" — Monday, 3 April 1944

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Hollywood Miss To Wed Lt. Col. Thaxton

A wedding of much interest to this command will take place tomorrow at 2 P.M. in the Stanford University chapel, when Miss Muriel Pollia becomes the bride of Lt. Colonel Charles M. Thaxton, director of Training at Chico Army Air Field.

The bride to be is the daughter of Dr. Joseph And ew Pollia of Los Angeles and is a 1940 graduate of Stanford. Since then she has been employed at Universal Studios in in Hollywood.

Col. Thaxton is a resident of Colorado and was graduated from Colorado University with a mechanical engineering degree in 1938. He took flight training at Randolph and Kelley Fields, being commissoned in July, 1940. He was stationed a Rtandolph, Moffett and then Chico Field. He returned here in January of this year as director of training.

His brother, Lt Marvin Thaxton, USNR, of San Diego, will be best man, and Majors Malcolm S. Anderson, Jerald F. Holzapfel and Clare J. Sheelar of CAAF and Major Sturgeon of Minter Field, will be ushers.

Following a wedding trip, the couple will temporarily make their home in Chico.

-:- Quartermaster -:-

By PETER

The QM-Medic party proved to be a howling success. The wolves did most of the howling but fortunately they were behind "bars." WO Swaine had a busy evening, what with tinkling the ivories and performing Calloway gyrations between renditions. His schedule was as crowded as a 5th Ave. bus.

McManus commandeered a fragile bit of feminine pulchritude and asked if she would like to look at a diamond. Nothing so astounding about finding them holding hands in the ball-park then, was there?

The "Wings of Swing" were really in fine fettle. Toward the end of the evening one dogface was down on his prayer bones digging for his trombone. One of the group appeared to be a little the worse for wear. I think it was the "Sad Sax" player. Carl Medell, ye old maestro in charge, was having troubles of his own. His "Bull Fiddle" started jumping every time they tried to play the "Cow, Cow Boogie." Not only that but the vocalist wouldn't give with any solid syncopation because he didn't know whether to sing tenor eleven.

Jake Thieman boasts the singular honor of being Chico Field's only bonafide dogface. His calisthenics number is K-9.

HOAX OF THE WEEK: Adrian Ward saturated his clothes with "lighter fluid" when he found out the laundry was charging by weight.

"King Size" Young is most unhappy. He insists that he intends to drown his troubles. Kenny, if you take that girl swimming, we're through.

John "This is Serious" Murry has just reminded me for the upteenth time that all you fellows better report for softball practice Sunday afternoon. What say, gang?

VAN ATTA MARRIED

Friends at CAAF have learned of the marriage a month ago of S/Sgt. Gerald Van Atta formerly of the Link Trainer Department here. He now is stationed at the four engine transition school at Kirtland Field New Mexico.

MASONS ATTENTION

Masons among CAAF military personnel are invited to presentation of the Third Degree by the Chico Lodge, F. & A. M. Tuesday night at the Masonic Hall on First St. Refreshments will be served.

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Softballers Make Plans for 1944 Season

Proponents of softball, long the most popular sport at Chico Field, have already begun plans for the 1944 season—come what may.

At a meeting held Monday night in the post gymnasium, eight managers were present, and were enthusiastic about prospects for a fast season. Lt. F. L. Bartlett, post athletic officer, presided.

Our informant, S/Sgt. Johnny Murry, pitcher for the championship Robbie's Robbers last season, and most enthusiastic booster for the sport here, reported that despite losses of personnel the league should field ten teams.

Already some of the outfits are practicing, and non-league conditioning games should get underway about the first of next month. Tentative starting date for the league is 15 May.

All games will be played on the Diamond Match field, and will be scheduled both at twilight, and under the lights. S/Sgt. Murry reports that through the courtesy of the Match company, the field will be kept in condition, and lighting facilities will be provided free of charge to the army teams.

According to present plans there will be two games per night five days a week. The first will be at twilight and the second at about nine o'clock.

Tuesday at 1430 in the post gymnasium, offices will be elected and final plans will be made. It is essential that all teams be represented at this important meeting.

Present for Monday's meeting were:

S/Sgt. Henry Sturgis, Medics; M-Sgt. Ralph Hare, 97th; S/Sgt. Irwin Wade, 52nd; Buck Shawl, Sub Depot; Cpl. Theodore McCrory, 79th; Sgt. Decker, 78th; S/Sgt. Delbert Harmon, 10th; S/Sgt. Murry, Q. M.; Lt. Kotch, ground officers.

OFFICERS BOWLING

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	Avg.
Kiwis	21	6	.777	711
Medics	17	10	.630	619
Sad Sacks	51	12	.556	657
Sub-Depot	10	17	.370	671
Q. M.	9	18	.333	619
Cadets	9	18	.333	612

High team series—Kiwis, 2135; high single team—Cadets, 759; high individual series—Lt. Everson, Q. M., 502; high individual game—Lt. Everson, Q. M., 203.

78th Scribe Puzzles, Ponders and Philosophizes

By J. Haines

Greetings again from what remains of the old 78th. Very few fellows are left of the original squadron. A few more left the past week and are now keeping them flying at Victorville. Good luck, fellows wherever you go.. We are wondering whre we are headed for. Pehaps we all will meet again.

Cpl McGloin our inspection hangar supply man deserves a plug in the Flyer even though he being a rebel. He hails from Alabama and I understand he is working very hard along with polishing apples for buck Sergeant.

Suggesion ditty for the Reich: One of our bomber plants is missing

Our navy saw red at Pearl Harbor, and now the Japs are seeing red, white and

It's remarkabe how much easier bootleg liquor ages than legal liquor.

Some married menn suffer in silence because of the lack of it.

I wonder what happens to Max Slosberg every morning when he wakes up. From what I hear it must be rough.

I hear that F/Sgt. Anderson's girl friends can hardly wait until his return from furlough.

Rudy Ungaretti is the best alarm clock in T-119. I know this for certain.

What M/Sgt. who is line chief of Flight 1 gave a young lady in Chico a very beautiful diamond ring? I sure wish May was here so we could all celebrate his future career. I still want to be one of the first to know when it happens. How about it, Rudy?

I see where some of the big boys of Flight 1 are now out on the line since the change over. I like to see everyone pitch in and help.

Nick Decker was in the Park Lounge the other night eating pretzels along with a little wash.

If I am here next week I guess I will be slinging a little nonsense your way. Until then, we of the 78th will say long live Chico. Even with its rocks and bad weather, it's a very nice place when you know you may leave her. Here's hoping not.

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U.S.O. Variety Show Monday At The Gym

Got a three day pass?

No? Well, do the next-best thing and get yourself hypnotized into thinking you have one.

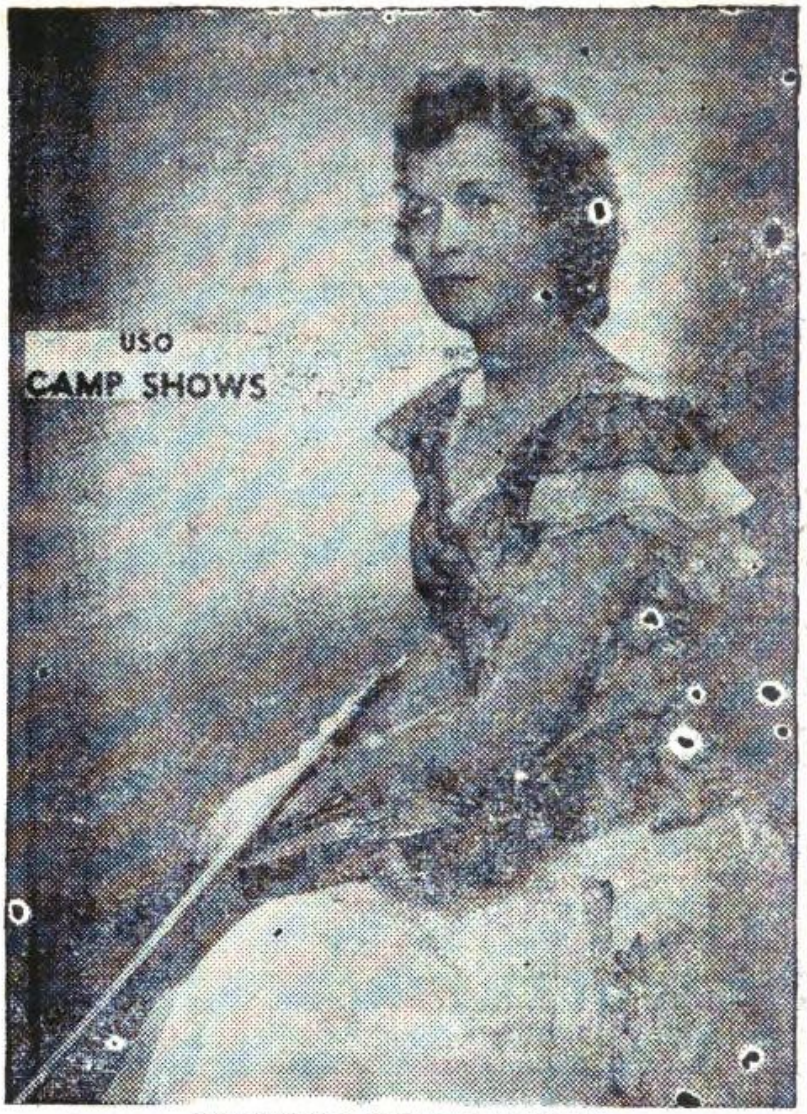
It's all very simple. Just drop around to the post gymnasium Monday night at 2000 for the U. S. O. show, and wait until the famous Howard Klein comes on the stage. He's been known to do such a good job that master sergeants thought they were privates and pulled a week's K. P.

A former G. I. himself until his honorable discharge several months ago, Klein gave hundreds of demonstrations while in the service. He's really good, and you'll be missing something if you don't plan on attending.

And for a change, there'll be no emcee. but a mistress of ceremonies—Lynn Russell. She also teams up with Marian Ferrar, and the duo puts on a snappy comedy vocal act.

For those who like puppetry, Catherine Westfield will be on hand with her troupe, and Marion Burroughs is a fine violinist who has been around soldiers long enough to determine their musical tastes.

And, for something out of the ordinary, the Wen Hai troupe, known as the Royal Chinese Bar Performers (and by that we don't mean they are good drinking men,either) the two men and two women are tops in the field of acrobatics and high work. They have been with the Ringling Brothers Circus for three years.



MARION BURROUGHS

A pretty vocalist who should please CAAF soldiers is Maxine Conrad, and winding up the crowd pleaser is Henry Flugge, pianist and musical director of the production.

Bronze Star Medal

The new Bronze Star Medal, authorized by the President 4 February 1944, will be awarded "for heroic or meritorious service against the enemy not involving aerial flight." This does not mean an AAF can cannot win it for some ground action. The medal ranks below the Silver Star and the Legion of Merit.

GI Still Operating At Same Old Stand

Port Moresby (CNS) —Back home in the town of New York Sgt. Richard Tarsias ran a beauty shop. Here in New Guinea he is doing the same sort of work.

Incapacitated for further combat action during the Buna campaign, Sgt Tarsias opened Port Moresby's first beauty salon at the request of Special Services. His customers are American nurses and Red Cross girls.

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ARMY RADIO

WEDNESDAY—"Soldiers With Wings," at 1930-2000, KHSL, Chico.

THURSDAYS — "Contact Chico," 2030 to 2100, Station KHSL, Chico. CAAF weekly variety and dance programs from Veterans Memorial Hall in Chico. All personnel invited to attend broadcast and dance following. Music by Wings of Swing.

SATURDAY — "Uncle Sam Presents 'Hello Mom'" 0930 to 1000, KHSL, Chico.

SUNDAY—"Roosevelt of the AAF," 1500-1530, KHSL. "Army Hour," 1230-1330, NBC-KPO.

At Your Post Theatres

SATURDAY, 25 MARCH

It Happened Tomorrow

Dick Powell — Linda Darnell
Jack Oakie

SUNDAY and MONDAY

COVER GIRL

Rita Hayworth — Gene Kelly

TUESDAY

HAT CHECK HONEY

Grace MacDonald — Leon Erroll

—ALSO—

Two Man Submarine

Tom Neal — Ann Savage

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

The Heavenly Body

William Powell — Hedy Lamarr

FRIDAY

THE HOUR BEFORE the DAWN

Franchot Tone — Veronica Lake

Reflections On Not Doing Your Calisthenics

By DRY MARTINI

This week I'd like to express the points of calisthenics . . . no one knows better than I that physical fitness means 70 per cent of an fight . . . ahem! Causes of backaches and that run down feeling, may be pressure on the nerves to vital organs . . . resulting in poor posture and grouchy moods. Corrections of these ailments may be made by complying with the three hour weekly schedule.

I am not trying to convince you fellows, but I do know the troouble they can cause. For example: you miss one or more periods. Our C. O. jumps on the first sergeant. He in turn calls you in. Then the trouble begins . . .

First you're cutting the grass, then you're trimming the grass. With those hard working and very dull shears. In due time, beautiful blisters soon appear on your hands. You know the kind big as quarters . . . Ah! That isn't anything; let me go on.

About Saturday night, they break. You and the girl friend are dancing. Your hands start to sweat, the sweat gets into the blisters. The blisters start to pain you. You in return get a little grouchy, your girl notices the change in you. Thinks you're looking at some other gal. Soooo! before you realize what has happened she leaves you flat . . .

Then that's where the real trouble begins in trying to explain. All because of calisthenics Well! you fellows figure it out. Mr. byline has just completed his extra duty.

WANTED! More men in the squadron. I can't find anything to write about. Better yet, what we really need is a good correspondent . . .

Chapel Services

26 March 1944

CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800; Father Patrick J. Cronin.

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship 1015; sermon, "Bethany and Jerusalem." Special music by Mr. Fred McCleary, baritone.

Vesper service 1630: a Cathedral film, "The Prodigal Son" will be shown.

Dwight E. LaFollette, Chaplain

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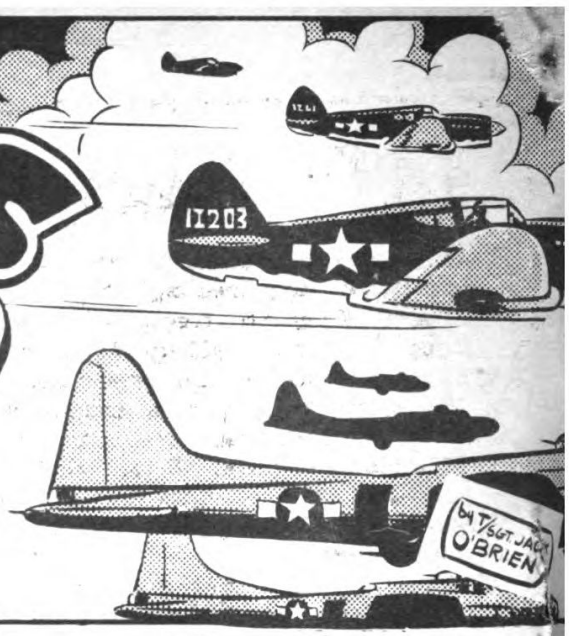


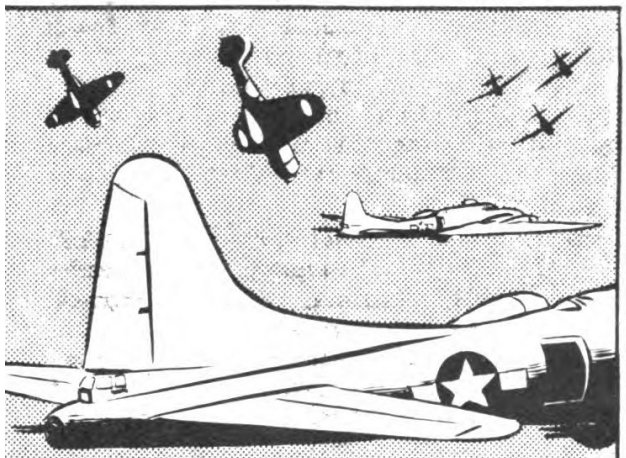
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AIR HEROES

WESTERN FLYING TRAINING COMMAND

THROUGH TRAINING RECEIVED AT **TULARE, MERCED** and **LUKE FIELD** CAPT. JOHN E. WOOD FITTED HIMSELF FOR A TOUR OF DUTY IN THE SOLOMONS WHICH WON HIM THE DFC, AIR MEDAL, SILVER STAR AND PURPLE HEART!





PILOTING ONE OF THREE P40s ESCORTING SEVEN B17s CAPT. WOOD FOUND THEIR FLIGHT BEING ATTACKED BY 30 MURDEROUS ZEROS -



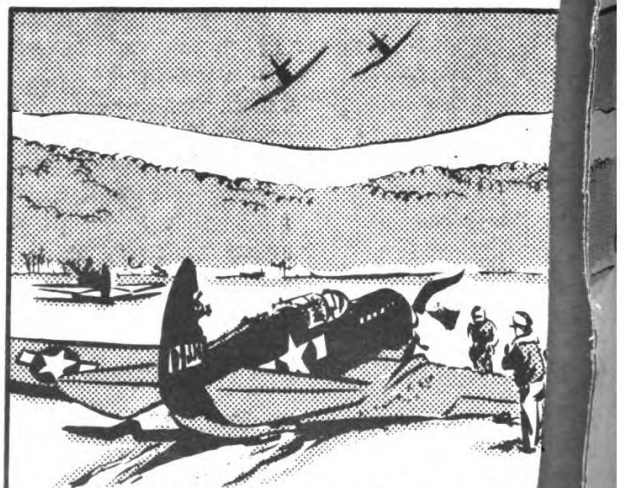
AS ONE DOVE PAST HIS WING HE BLEW IT FROM THE SKY!



ONLY TO HAVE CANNO SHELLS BURSTING INTO THE COCKPIT WOUNDING HIM IN TH SHOULDER, ARM, LE AND SIDE -



YET HE MANAGED TO SHOOT DOWN ANOTHER ACCOUNTING FOR TWO OF THE EIGHT OUT OF THIRTY ZEROS DOWNED WITH NO LOSS TO THE YANKS



ALTHOUGH WEAKENED BY WOU CAPT. WOOD BROUGHT HIS SHIP BA HIS HOME FIELD - THEY COUN SEVEN CANNON AND 76 BULL HOLES IN HIS FUSELAGE - - -

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CAAF Taken Over By Fourth AAF

Chico Army Air Field is one of a dozen new air bases acquired by the Fourth Air Force, according to recent announcement by Major General William E. Lynd, commanding general of the organization.

At the same time it was announced that Colonel A.W. Tyer, now commander of the San Francisco Fighter Wing, will be new CO, and that Colonel Gerald Hoyle will be commanding officer of the Tonopah, Nev., Army Air Field.

"By April 1 most of the changes will be sub-bases streamlined for maximum effect effected in the air force reorganization, which extends from headquarters staff to in combat air effort synchronized to the expansive phase of the global war," General Lynd said.

According to the announcement by General Lynd, the Santa Rosa Army Air Field will be a sub-base of Chico Field.

Chico Army Air Field has been affiliated with the Western Flying Training Command for nearly two years.

Other than the tentative time of late in April, no announcement has been made as to the date of the transfer here.

Further announcement was made that in most ceases personnel of he bases would be increased.

Former CAAF Nurse Aids In Air Evacuation

Lt. Frances M. Barrett, formerly a nurse stationed at the CAAF hospital, participated in the air evacuation to army hospitals of the wounded exchange prisoners returned recntly to this country on the Gripsholm.

Lt. Barrett, who trained at Bowman Field, Ky. Air Evacuation School for army nurses, wrote to local friends of her experiences. She said that they were grounded four days in New York. Also, a motion picture man was along gathering informationn for a film on flight nurses.

Lt. Stringari Back

1st Lt. Lawrence S. Stringari, who, except for a brief period at Hobbs Army Air Field, has been with this organization since Moffett Field days, is back at CAAF Air Field, has been with this organization as special services officer.

He replaces Lt Sidney I. Annis, who remains as assistant.

Personnelities

Probably the most highly educated orderly room clerk on the field is Cpl Robert G. Kerler, who hails fromJackson Heights, N.Y.....after graduation from George Washington High in New York City, Cpl Kerler attended Ntw Yok University, the Columbia University School of business, and the Graduate School of Business at New York University with M.S. degree, to say notthing of a Litt. M. degree in pyschology at the the army on the first anniversary of Pearl Harbor, he was with the real estate department of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S.

Among the new officers assigned to CAAF is Major Zebulon V. Thompson, 38, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, who is assigned to this post as assistant air inspector..... holder of a B.S. degree in electrical engineering, Major Thompson was employed by the Tungsol Lamp Works before entering the army in August, 1941 . . . also new to this station is Major Pearl J. Cole, who has been appointed base mess officer, replacing 1st L. Russell Broad. . . Major Cole's legal residence is Marshall, Mo., and he holds an AB degree from Missouri Valley College where he won lettes s in football, baseball and tennis . . . the new mess officer had had two years with the AEF during World War I, where he was active in organizing sports activities among the American soldiers . . . he has three sons in the service, too, including a first lieutenant, a staff sergeant and an aviation cadet . . . . . a medical officer recently assigned is Captain Byron D. Hartley, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa . . . he took his M.D. at Iowa State University where he was a gridder . . . Lt. Charles W. Burris Jr., and new ground school officer, is a former president of the Reno, Nev., Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Word has been received by 'Skinny" Keefer, Chico man well known to CAAF [illegible] that Sgt Blair D Steed, formerly of this station , is a prisoner of war somewhere in occupied Europe . . . he was a gunner on a Flying Fortress and had sustained a bad shrapnel wound in the foot . . Pfc Charley Martin of the Engineers is the proud father of a daughter born last week.

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The Humor of G. I. Joe

Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels ran afoul of G.I. Joe's grimy humor. The Heinies shot down a fortress nicknamed "Murder Inc." and Goebbels announced that American flyers were gangsters to the last man. A few sourpuss viewers with alarm in the United States fell for another bit of G.I. whimsy. It was sobberly reported by a returning airmen that Tokio Rose, the Jap broadcaster, was the AAF's favorite pin-up girl.

G.I. Joe fights this war for home & country. He fights to save his own neck and the lives of his family and friends. He fights to keep America out of a German or Japanese jail. These are serious matters, in all truth, and G.I. Joe knows it. But he also fights for the right to enjoy his own particular brand of humor. He expects the Hun to take a dismal view of his jokes and he knows that the Jap babboon is incapable of joyous laughter.

But his own countrymen—even columnists and editorial writers—ought to understand G.I. Joe by this time. When Joe yells "I wanna go home!" it is not indicative of low morale, for Americans many times said the same thing at Valley Forge. American desertion or mutiny G.I. Joe yelled can fightingmen sang "Momma, your boy wasn't meant for a soldier." as they rolled forward to smash the Hindenburg line

In the name of Mr. Dooley, Ole Bill, Dere Mabel and Private Breger, may G.I. Joes' corrosive and irreverent laughter be cherished as a sacred right. There are fields, there are streets, there are homes and hearts hungry, these long months, to hear Joe's wondrous humor and laugh with him again.

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory,'

Captain With 11 Rocks, Captures 11 Germans

Italy (CNS) —Capt. Anderson Smith peeked into a cave and yelled: "Is anybody there?" "Yah," two Germans replied, walking out. Captain Smith, unarmed, picked up two rocks. Out came a third German and the captain picked up another rock. He had 11 rocks in his hands when he marched his captives back to camp.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE 97th . . .

By Sgt. Charles A. Helmer

The highlight of the week was the presentation of the trophy to the basketball team at the USO show. Major Howard received the trophy and in turn introduced the players, of which only four are still with us. The four remaining men are Sgt Shaw, Sgt Gregory, Cpl Bracken and Cpl Van Gundy. The squadron is mighty proud of them and the trophy will really look swell in our day room.

A letter was received from Pvt Ray Church the other day . . . Ray used to work in the orderly room and is now stationed somewhere in China . . . My, but the old 97th really gets around.

Five former basket-ball players of the 97th now stationed in Victorville are still in there pitching. T/Sgt Williams, Sgt Lee, Sgt Linder, Pvt Timko and Pvt Shanks are playing basket-ball and still winning. . .

Sgt Bennie Smith bid the squadron farewell as he left for another assignment. Sgt Smith was one of thte "oldtimer" of the 97th and it just won't seem the same without him a ounnd. . . .Lots of luck Bennie

Word was recceived from Pvt Warner, a former Link Instuctor at Chico, who is now stationed at Santa Maria. We are told that he is getting long swell and is living like a king.

Due to lack of space the names of all the men that left us cannot be listed but the sqadron's best wishes goes with each of them wherever they may go.

At th N.C.O. party the other night and slightly on the "Jive Side," was Sgt Pruitt. I understand he really "Sends Solid" on those drums.

Sgt Morgal was looking rather happy the other night on his job of Charge of Quarters even though it was his second time for this month.

I unnderstand that Cpl Shaffer goes to town quite often these days for some reason or the other. . . .What's her name Spike?

Everyone wants to know if Sgt Baroody left his camel at Atlantic City when he came to Chico. . .

The sqadron softball team is still looking ffor players so anyone that is interested should contact First Sgt. Bailey. Come on, fellows, let's make another Championship team for the old 97th. . .

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Spring Formal, Radio Show Combined On Post Gymnasium Thursday Night

One of the big events on the Chico Army Air Field calendar is the Spring Formal dance Thursday night in the post gymnasium, combined with the weekly Contact Chico broadcast, which will originate from the post for the first time.

Highlight of the dance, which will be formal for the ladies, G. I. for the men, will be the award of $35 in war bonds and stamps for door prizes.

There will be 200 dancing partners furnished through the courtesy of the Chico USO, and all feminine civilian employees of the field may attend by obtaining dance tickets through the Special Services office. In addition wives of soldiers stationed here are especially invited.

The dance begins at 2000, and the radio show at 2200. Dancing will continue to the music of the Wings of Swing until 2400. Under CWO Allen, they are preparing special arrangements for the occasion.

The gym will be decorated by a soldier committee, and anyone wishing to assist can contact the Special Service office before Wednesday.

As a further service, there will be special bus service to town following tthe affair.

This is strictly G. I., and it's the biggest dance ever to be staged on the post. Need we say more?

-:- Quartermaster -:-

By PETER

The newly formed "Society of Sneaks" which consists of John Wesner and confederate (name withheld to avoid adverse publicity) continues to exist in its own secretive way. The modus operandi of the sneakaroos is nothing more than committing a social faux pas whenever the chance presents itself. For instance whenever "the fellas" go out to do a little torrid tippling it isn't long until we notice absenteeism in our ranks. In Bellegarde's words, "Those jokers took another sneak that was strictly from Duckville."

DAY ROOM DOPE

"Shorty" Plettenberg complaining bitterly about forced marches and with good reason too, his legs are so short now they will hardly reach the ground.

"Curly" Mootz looks like the low man on the totem pole. It seems the Chico chicks have the Indian sign on him—he's the only typist in the Detachment that hasn't perfected the "touch" system.

"Quinine" Quinlan persists in waxing voluble and at great length from dawn till dusk, nevertheless Bob, now that you are being transferred the gang really bereaves your loss. He's going to be used as a "walkie-talkie in the Signal Corps.

Everyone is wondering what would happen if the Red Cross asked the Q. M. for blood donations on a Monday morning!

The Softball squad appears too be in mid-season form. You should see Al Assell chasing those highballs. He's the only guy I've seen that uses a soda wash too.

Lieschiedt's locally famous phrase, "I'm going to play this thing cagey," will eventually merit him his just reward. He'll probably end up behind bars. By the looks of his eyes he must have been behind them all week.

Kiwis Win Title in Officers' Bowling

The Kiwis took their first shellacking in the Officers' Bowling League this week when they dropped three games to the Medics, who came within one tilt of a first place tie, but the Kiwis annexed the title with a score of 2077 to 1967.

The Quartermaster had high team series with 2220, and high team single with 759. Major G. A. Russell of the Sub Depot had high individual series with 496, and high single with 196.

FINAL STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	Avg.
Kiwis	21	9	.700	706
Medics	20	10	.667	621
Sad Sacks	16	14	.533	662
Quartermaster	12	18	.400	631
Cadets	11	19	.367	619
Sub-Depot	10	20	.333	672

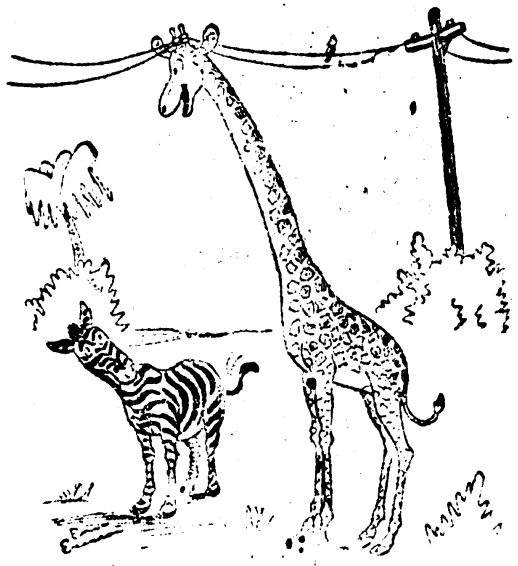
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Keep 'Em Rolling

Into the rugged hills of Chico Canyon, scarred with rocks and huge boulders and dry stream beds, trudged (and we don't mean marched) the men of the 909th Quartermaster Corps and the 533rd Band. Scouting parties not only located the enemy gases, but they helped to release the gases.

By late afternoon, the main body of men reached the spot designated for the bivouac and immediately a clamor went up for food and beer. But not until after the shelter-halves were pitched and simulated run made on the latrine slit-trench, were we able to quench our thirst and form the chow-line.

Perhaps the most comic spot of the entire affair was "during the time for challenging," as Wilbur and Rohleen, both of whom were walking the posts for guard duty, would challenge the other, salute with make-believe rifles which were really big sticks, stack arms, take a bottle of beer from their pocket and drink to the other. Then, replacing the bottles, would again salute, do an about face and continue walking their post . . . And Parascondola, during his tour of guard duty, not being able to leave his post, would put out a call to the "corporal of the guard" to bring him a beer. During the half-hour interval, he called the "corporal of the guard" only five times.



—American Legion Magazine

"One of those ingenious Yankee soldiers of the Engineer Corps hooked it up."

If anyone happened to drop around the Motor Pool the other day and saw a group of G. I.'s bumping their heads against tthe wall, don't get the idea they are working for a Section VIII. No! It wasn't that! The fellows were just testing their reflexes.

Ernie was seen the other day with a bundle of bandages as she applied first-aid to her cut finger. What were you doing with a knife, Ernie, that brough on such a casualty??

Pfc. "Stoop" Dorsey back from furlough and once more on the beam; and also is still back to his bumming cokes, cigarettes, and "what have you."

79TH COLUMN

By DRY MARTINI

Due to our squadron working 16 hours a day, and we guys only working 15 7/8 we thought we would help him out with our 1/8 of an hour more time to dash off a few squibs.

Orchids of the week go to "I love me" DeMartini's girl friend who puts more pep in him after a day's work than six bees could.

Seen in action on the Moonlight Gardens planks Saturday night were: "When you going back" Cpl, Stan Bush. "I love me' Cpl Louie DeMartini and Pfc Carl "Raring to go" Smith, and a bevy of out of town cuties.

There isn't much to say when fellows who have been your buddies for over a year ship out so we will just wish them the best of luck and hope to see them all again on some future date when we have won our victory.

Once again back on the stag line after 15 days furlough — Sgt. Rus 'Slide Easy' Glidewell. Ruddy complexion due to California sunshine, no doubt.

Our theme song of the week is dedicated to none other but our hard working Pvtt. Thad Stokes. "No Sripes, No Nothing at All."

THINGS WE HAVE SEEN AND WONDERED ABOUT:

Cpl. Loffler eyeing the bulletin board ten times a day.

S/Sgt Semanik. Quote "Reppprt immediately if not sooner" Unquote.

Sgt. Jim Wharton off to Red Bluff on one nour's notice

And to end all this, how we all are broke on the 15th of the month and our best girl here to visit us.

For the best looking squadron of the Post, fellows, just look around you and congratulate First Sergeant Ed McCormack and yourselves. All the squadron had a hand in this beautification and manicure. Blisters and sore backs were all taken in stride by all concerned. Results justified the efforts.

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. ENGINEERS .

It has long been the policy of this column to print untruths. This issue is dedicated in all sincerity to S/Sgt Morgan, as the truth is not in him. I might add that this issue could well be dedicadd to most of our associates and co-workers, but as time is short and life is—as they say—cheap, I have deemed it advisable to omit other names at this time and save them for future reference.

Kathryn, and Norma have changed their coiffures—
They're different than nature intended.
It wouldn't be quite so hard to endure,
If the colors they used had of blended!

We'd like to know just what method of inducement Chief Stuart used to sell so many tickets to the firemen for the Post Engineers' dance tonight. Blackmail—Blacksnake? or Blackmarket!

We laughed as we marched out the gate—
And we smiled as we went down the road.
At the end of a mile—we had lost our smile—
And our pace had most noticeably slowed.

We watched the cars whizzing on by—
While offers to ride we declined.
At the end of our walk—we were too tired to talk—
To blisters and stiffness resigned.

The office force has proved most inhuman—
Their remarks have been most unkind.
Our morale was bad—but was all that we had—
And now even that's left behind.

If they'd walk home with us just one evening,
The tables would turn, I am sure.
They too would be sore—they could say nothing more—
And the future Ruth and I could endure!

Chapel Services

Dwight E. LaFollette, Chaplain
2 April 1944

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship 1015; sermon, "The Easy and Hard Triumph." Solo by Mrs. Edna Peterson, contralto.

Thursday, Holy Communion at 1900.

Good Friday Services from 1300-1445.

CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800. Confessions (Holy Saturday) from 1300-1500.

Father Patrick J. Cronin

PREPARATIONS ARE BEGUN FOR POST REVIEW SATURDAY

Squadrons and detachments at Chico Field already are beginning to prepare for the Post review to be held on the parking apron one week from today.

An honor squadron will be chosen for the day by a competition scored the previous day, as follows:

Marching on dry run of review, 25; policing of areas, 10; policing of barracks, 15; orderly room records, 15; correctness of forms at Hq., 20.

At the same time awards of merit will be presented to civilian employees of the post.

It is tentatively planned that several special guests will be invited for the occasion.

At the same time special awards will be made to cadets on the following basis:

Cadet rated as the best flyer, the best athlete, the best in military bearing and discipline.

The final class at CAAF will be officially graduated.

Immediately following the review, there will be an aerial review under the direction of Lt. Col. Charles W. Thaxton.

P-X NEWS

Many thanks to Pfc. "Ted" Kowalewicz who is doing such a fine job on the PX area. We don't want to brag, but we think we have the prettiest lawn on the field.

"In your Easter bonnet . . ." have you seen the Easter cards in the PX? There is one for Mom, for Dad, for the girl back home — the kid sister — a complete assortment.

Sights around the PX:

Sgt. Bill "Eli" Culberson wearing a "T" shirt that fits like a sweater girl's should. We are all waiting with bated breath for the day when the seams split.

"Pat" Barnes, our erstwhile and worthwhile barber, fishing a nickel out of his coffee, and muttering about germs and the like.

"Jeff" Blowers and that ever present bottle of "coke."

Mike Holke hanging over the PX fountain, worrying about his bus driving shift.

Ordnance, Motor Pool and QM officers having a pow-wow, over a cup of coffee.

T'is really an interesting place. Come in and visit us some time.

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Holy Week Plans Are Announced

Holy week will be observed by CAAF men of both Catholic and Protestant faiths tomorrow, it was announced by Chaplain Dwight E. LaFollette.

Tomorrow morning at 1015, there will be a special Palm Sunday services in the post chapel and Holy Communion Thursday evening. Both of these services will be for Protestant personnel.

On Good Friday here will be a series of seven fifteen minute services from 1300 to 1445, entitled, "The Seven Words From the Cross."

Easter Sunday services in the chapel will be held at 1015.

For Cathtolic men, there will be Palm Sunday and Easter masses at the chapel at 0800, and confessions on Holy Saturday from 1300 to 1500 at the field chapel.

Other Catholic services, such as blessing and distribution of Palms, 1030 tomorrow, "Three Hours" on Good Friday from 1200 to 1500, and evening services at 1930 on Thursday and Friday, will be held in the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Chico.

"The Payoff" Date Moved Ahead

"The Payoff," a comedy soldier revue produced by the CAAF Special Services department, has been changed from Monday, 10 April, to the following night, Tuesday, at 8 p.m. in the post gymnasium.

It is packed with gags, top hits of the day, 14 knock-out units and the most beautiful feminine talent ever booked for a soldier show.

Under the combined direction of Cpl. Wilson Burtt, Pfc. Ritchie Watson and Pvt. Aubrey Hightower, it promises even to surpass the successful "Hold Your Hats" of several weeks ago.

To prove this statement the directors have produced a cast of 50, including the Wings of Swing, Jean Compton, Mac Day, Carl Hubbell and others.

"The settings of this extravaganza will assume a new and spectacular appearance with all the curtains, props and lights of a professional production," was the way the enthusiastic producers put it.

USO Plans Events For Easter Week

In the next week the Chico USO is offering many events for the entertainment of service men in this vicinity.

Tonight following the regular buffet and free movie, there will be an April Fools dance in the clubhouse from 8:30 until 11.15. The motion picture is "Spitfire" with Leslie Howard and David Niven.

Next Saturday night it will be "Pride of the Yankees" wih Gary Cooper, Babe Ruth and Theresa Wright. Following the movie will be the Easter Formal at Memorial Hall at 2030. Wives of service men are welcome at all USO functions, and no invitations are necessary if accompanied by their husbands.

As a special Easter season picture the USO is showing "The Eternal Gift" at the Parochial Hall, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church tomorrow at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. It is narrated by Mons. Fulton J. Sheen. Men of all denominations will be interested.

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S Sgt. Murry Heads CAAF Softball Loop

Plans for the 1944 softball season at this base were virtually completed at a meeting of managers in the post gymnasium Tuesday afternoon.

Staff Sergeant John Murry of the Quartermasters was elected president, Master Sgt Ralph Hare of the 97th vice president and Staff Sgt Bill Carab of the 10th secretary.

EIGHT TEAMS

There will be eight teams, including the QM Sub Depot, 97th, 52nd, Ground officers. Men of the 953rd which will have no team will be allowed to play with the 10th. Also, Also, he 52nd outfit may play men from the 970th QM Platoon.

May 15 has been designated as opening day, with all games played on the Diamond Match Diamond. Most of the teams have begun practice, and several exhibition games will be announced soon.

The season will consist of each team playing around the league four times, with a trophy going to the winner during the regular season, and another for the winner of the Shaughnessy playoff among the first four teams.

MEN ELIGIBLE

Men who have competed with a given team two weeks previous to the end of the season will be eligible for the playoff tilts.

Present for the meeting were Lt. F.L. Bartlett, athletic officer; Lt. W.S. Kotch, Murry, Master Sgt Hare, Staff Sgt Irwin Wade, 52nd; Sgt Dekker, 78th-79th; Pfc Charles Martin, 10th; Merle E. Ward, Sub Depot; and Staff Sgt Harry Stuggis, Medics.

AT THE POST LIBRARY

HISTORY OF MOVIES
Reviewed By Lt. C.R. Pascoe

For years people have been asking for a history of the movies—not only with words but with illustrations as well. A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE MOVIES is just that: over seven hundred select pictures telling the story of the movies. For these fascinating and historic shots Deems Taylor, noted music critic, lecturer, and composer, has written a witty and authoritative text.

Here the reader begins at the beginning of what started out to be a mere peep show and ended up as art. There are Kinetoscopes and Mutoscopes, which, when you dropped a coin in them, offered a flickering shocker of the day—say, the kiss sequence from "The Widow Jones," denounced as a "lyric of the stockyards." There are pictures of the early studios where three pictures were shot next to one another at the same time. There is the famed "battle of Santiago Bay," photographed in 1898, six miles away, on special 'moonlight' film! —actually, an early use of models. D. W. Griffith, one of the geniuses of filmdom, turns a page in movie history with "The Birth of a Nation."

The book is an entertaining historical record of the development of the movies in technique, art, and acting from 1835 to 1942.

FIGHTIN' TENTH

Cpl Bob Daunton of base mess is beating the streets of Chico looking for a house since the arrival of his better half from the East. . . .we have another master sergeant in the outfit with the arrival of M/Sgt Michael Chyzinski from Douglas Army Air Field . . . . the Fightin' Tenth is getting so it can knock off a couple of retreat formations and formal guard mounts any old day in the week without even breathing hard . . . among the Tenth lads who attended the free G. I. movies in the recreation hall the other day were Harrison, Buikema, Ogle, Mahin, Sorenson, Diener and several others . . . inspired, no doubt, by Buikema engaged in several minor skirthe martial theme of the flickers, S/Sgt. finishes en route back to headquarters and reports that his only casualties were a pair of scuffed G. I. shoes.

Notes on the manpower shortage: First Sergeant Kuchinski around the squadron area qualifying very well with wheelbarrow, rake and shovel . . . we hasten to add that the lawn, shrubs and flowers look very neat . . . Cpl. Parenteau complains that lately his army life has been a series of bivouacs, command post sessions, charge of quarters and now he's got to water the lawn around 318 . . . relax, corporal, the war won't last forever, at least not more than four or five more years . . . Sgt. Cluff down at base photo thought his P & P days were over after spending more than a hitch in the army, but he's turned out to be a star landscaping gardener down on A Avenue . . . T/Sgt. Vic Widmer back on the job after a short furlough.

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Red Cross Provides Flowers for Hospital

A new service to bring pleasure to the patients at the Station Hospital of Chico Army Air Field is to be introduced, it has been announced by Mrs. Aileen C. Glenn, assistant field director, American Red Cross.

Through the Camp and Hospital Council of Red Cross the Chico Horticultural Society will provide a weekly flower service. At the present time camellia blooms are at their best and these will be followed by many other types of spring and summer blooms. The flowers will be arranged and distributed in the wards by Gray Ladies who visit the wards daily offering various helpful services to the hospitalized.

At Your Post Theatres

SATURDAY, 1 APRIL

THE NAVY WAY

Robert Lowery—Jean Parker

SUNDAY & MONDAY

UP IN ARMS

Danny Kaye—Dinah Shore

MARCH OF TIME NO. 8

Paramount News No. 59

TUESDAY

HI, GOOD LOOKIN'

Harriet Hilliard—Eddie Quillan

—and—

Oklahoma Raiders

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

SHINE ON, HARVEST MOON

Ann Sheridan—Dennis Morgan

Paramount News No. 60

FRIDAY

KNICKERBOCKER HOLIDAY

Nelson Eddy—Charles Coburn

—TWO SHORTS—

Paper Salvage Drive Intensified

If a waterproof container was needed to float ashore vitally needed foodstuffs in an amphibious invasion, would you deliberately destroy it?

Of course not. That is you wouldn't do it knowingly.

But that is just exactly what is happening when waste paper is hauled down to the post dump pile and burned.

For the cardboard, newspapers, old magazines and other waste paper which in the past has found its way to the trash truck could have been doing yeoman's service for the Allied war effort.

There are so many uses for waste paper and its by-products that to mention them all would fill an entire page, but until recently the waste paper collection at CAAF was far below what was needed.

Set up in several subdivisions, including gated cardboard, books and magazines, newspapers, and mixed scrap, an intensive collection campaign has been set up on the kept for re-use, while the remainder is post.

Cardboard boxes in good condition are aled by the Salvage Department for shipment to processing plants.

Thursday has been designated as the day for collection at the various salvage areas which have been set up in the squadron and department areas. Additional trips can be made if necessary, according to Lt. Lynn Evenson, salvage officer.

The monetary returns from this collection goes back into the U.S. Treasury, and in turn is an additional contribution to

The collection, according to the Chief of Salvage Section, Army Service Forces "is not a stunt to impress the public. We are in deadly earnest to prevent waste and promote re-use of everything for which use can be found.

LT. ALGE WEDS

The marriage of Miss Mary Francis Holloway of Pecos, Tex., and Lt. George W. Alge, CAAF flying instructor, was solemnized in the post chapel Tuesday by Chaplain Dwight E. LaFollette. They were attended by Miss Mary Wright of Chico and Lt. R.G. Gillen of CAAF.

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FIELD HAS 'BIRTHDAY'

FIELD AWAITS DINAH

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A DATE FOR DINAH SHORE!



BOND DRIVE TO END WIT

STAR AND VARIETY

SHOW AS TOP EVENTS

THEN AND NOW

Photo Lab Moves Heavy Equipment; Located in Separate Building



CAFS COMPLETE FIRST 6 MONTHS

Progress Has Been Remarkable

Today marks the end of the first six months of opera-

tion of the Chico Army Flying School.

It was just a half a year ago today that comm-

the basic fli-

of was officially trac-

SHORE

SONGSTRESS NAM

GIRL; BIG EVENIN

CLIMAX SALES DR

AN, TO BE CHOSEN BY DRAWING,

T SINGER FOR GALA PROGRAM

Drawing, Dinner to Feature Afternoon

You may dream of Ann Sheridan and pictures Rita Hayworth may occupy the place of honor in yo barracks—but soldier, would you settle for a re bonnet to goah date with Dinah Shore?

Of course you would, and what's more, one of you will take out the pretty, raven haired vocalist of the Blue Network Sunday, June 14!

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FROM G. I. RANKS

CHICO OFFERS SOLDIER VARIED OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Detachment of Cadets Ma

Be Moved to Fallon Nevada

Convoy Leaves for New Sit

Men to Bunk in Old CCC Camp

A convoy of officers and enlisted men left Chico Arr

Flying School at dawn Friday bound for Fallon, Nev.,

make advance preparat

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CAFS SCORES ANOTHER FIRST IN MAINTENANCE

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Ceremony Opens Second Six Months of Field; Col. Nissley Reviews Troops

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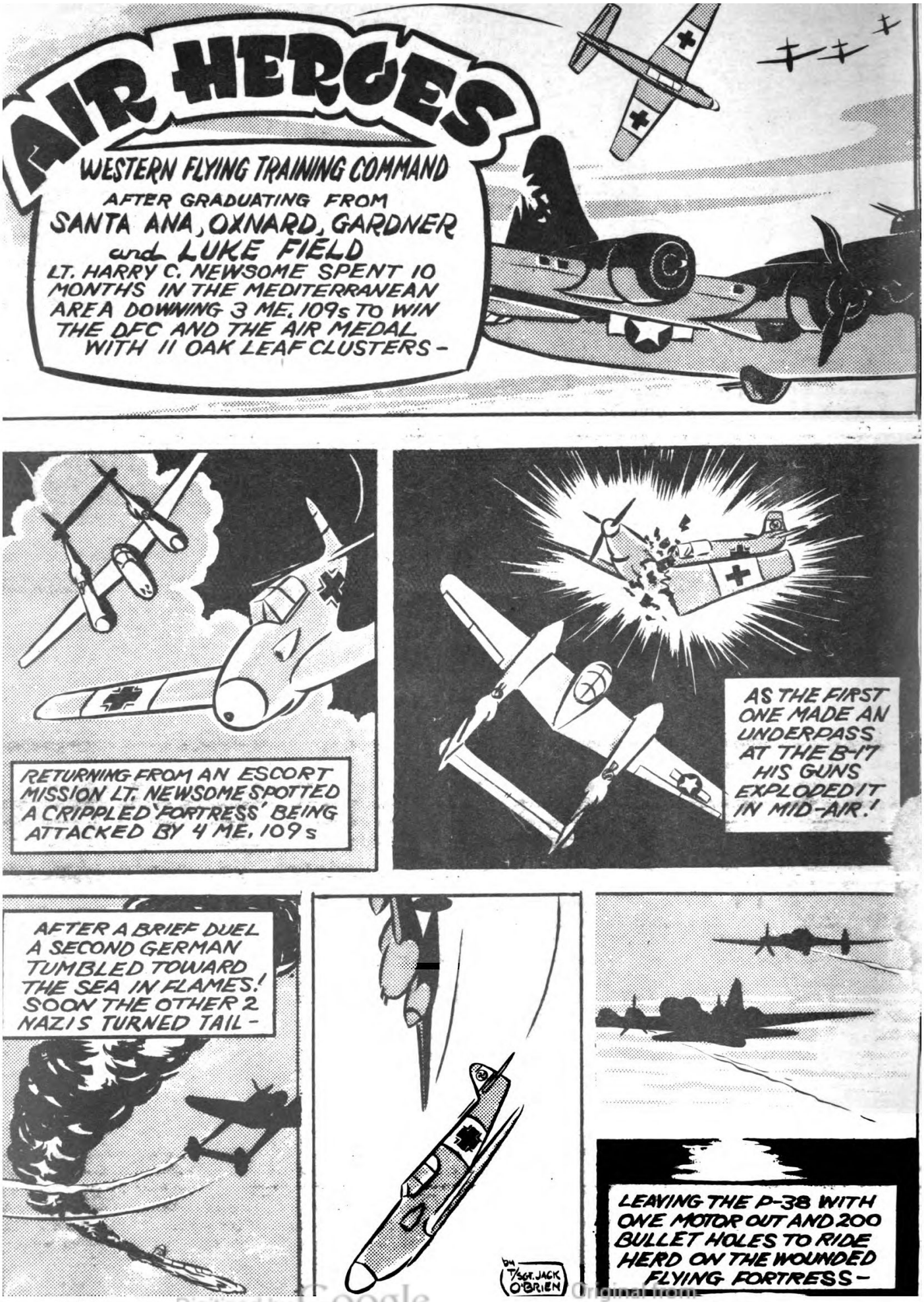
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It's "The Payoff" Tuesday Night

Tuesd y night at the Post Gym is the time and place for the big revue, "The Payoff." It s a 14-karat show packed with more g g: and beautiful girls than any previous soldier show at Chico Field.

P oducers Burtt, Hightower and Watson have been burning the midnight oil on rehearsals and sets so that this time it won't be all ad-libbed. With working day and night they all have four-day beards and this is only Satu day.

VOCAL DEPARTMENT

Holding up the vocal department are Jean Compton, Helen Poore, Bill Flynn, and Carl Hubbell. Singers Helen Poore and Jean Compton a e familiar faces in the larger CAAF productions and will sing scorchy torch songs specially arranged by Jud Cooper and Tommie Goheen.

A newcomer who promises to bring a new and pleasing type of crooning is Bill Flynn of the 79th. When it comes to the B sin Street stuff none other than Carl Hubbell, in his own inimitable style, sings some new songs from the old back room.

Two very beautiful girls who have frequently refused opportunities in Hollywood will be on the stage in the flesh supporting gag men Burtt and Hightower. These girls, who rarely appear under their real names, are Donna Mitchell and Eldrith Grage.

CORN NUMBER

Reviving a "corn" number from a very successful run in New York, Hightower has teamed with Justine Blair, his partner in the old Balaban and Katz circuit.

Bill Farrell is master of ceremonies and will be principally occupied in throwing Burtt and Hightower off stage.

An outstanding unit in the show is the novelty number done by members of the band. It will appear exactly as originally performed by Glen Miller's boys in the Rainbow Room in New York.

Needless to say, the Wings of Swing are giving their all with some knock-out tunes.

LOVELY DANCER

At the time this paper went to press the very lovely dancer, Lois Orrell, was not positively sure of being released from a previously booked engagement with a professional band. However, everything is being done to keep her on the program.

Soldiers, wives, officers, and cadets and their wives are all cordially invited to attend.

A Big Week End; Post Review Held

Chico Field worked its spit 'n polish overtime, and strutted its stuff this morning in one of the final ceremonies before the post passes from the Western Flying Training Command to the Fourth Air Force.

Climax of two days of prepa ation and other military activities, a post review nd aerial show was given before Colonel Gerald Hoyle, commanding officer who soon will leave for Tonopah, Nev.

Several hundred civilians, guests of the commanding office:, also witnessed the snappy review. The aerial review following was under the direction of Lt. Col. Charles W. Thaxton.

Highlights were the presentation of 75 meritorious service awards to civilian employees for six months satisfactory service at this post, presentation of awards to cadets for military and athletic ability, and the announcement of an honor squadron picked the previous day.

The latter organization was selected on the basis of several inspections, including barracks, squad on areas, supply rooms and orderly rooms.

Other events both before the review and in the future included a Spring Formal Dance in the post gymnasium Thursday in conjunction with the Contact Chico radio b oadcast, a cadet dance to be held Monday in Memorial Hall, and "The Payoff," a soldier variety show to be held Tuesday evening in the post gymnasium. Tonight there will be a party at the Officers Club.

Former 97th Orderly Room Clerk Writes

Pfc Henry J. Leseburg, former orderly room clerk in the 97th, who now is with an overseas processing squadron at Smyrna, Tenn., which he says is not the ideal life.

The city of Nashville is not far distant, but it is overrun with soldiers from the Second Army on maneuvers, and anything stronger than beer is virtually unobtainable. And there are no overnight passes.

Stamford, Conn. (CNS)—A worried father ran this ad in the local paper: "Johnny. All is forgiven. You're 1A. Come home."

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The 10th

By Sanford Sindell

This week marked a busy one indeed for the residents of elaborate 10th squadron area . . . Everyone was busily engaged in beautifying the barracks, grounds, and orderly room . . . Chanced to meet 1st Sgt Carlton Kuchinski t'other day, (he's the overlord and land owner), as he was going over the property and he was overjoyed with the excellent work done by the serfs working the soil . . . Our grass is as smooth as velvet and would do justice to any society golf links, in fact some of the uppity residents intend to construct a miniatu e golf course with luxurious deck chairs and awninged tables borde ing the area . . . Have you noticed the black-top sidewalks and area behind the orderly room, yet? If you haven't you're missing a sight, after the former sidewalks. In case you don't know it, the engineers were responsible for this handiwork . . .

April Fool's Day proved o be a big event for Corpo al and Mrs. Willie Caser. On Saturday, (April 1st) they became the proud parents of a five-pound, seven ounce baby boy, who was given the fancy monicker of Wiilis Jean (after pop and mom). When asked about the birth, Caster said, "It didn't surprise me a bit, as a matter of fact my son is really handsome - he looks just like me; have a coke, pal!"

Welcome to M/Sgt Michael Chyzinski, a newcomer to the 10th but an army veteran with 29 years of service o his credit.

Sgt Chyzinski holds the French Forragere for service in World War 1. He is working in the base mess and CAAF hhas the distinction of two thirty year men responsib e for dishing up delectable dishes to satisfy G.I. palates.

Orchids to Sgt Horace Josiassen of Ba e Mess for the swell birthday cake you saw on the front cover. It also ta ted good.

Keep 'Em Rolling

Last Saturday, being April Fool's Day, the gang got together to play a few pranks on some of the fellows of the Moor Pool. As it happened, the unfo tunate victims were "Stoop" Dorsey and "Titanic" Grainger. To start with, Stoop was sent to the Quartermaster office for a can of "striped" p int. Unsuspecting, he was sent from one warehouse to another without success.

Poor Stoop trudged back to the Motor Pool only to discover to the amusement of the gang that he had been the first victim of April Fool's Day. At the same time, Titanic was asked to get a left handed wrench from the Ordnance Garage. After being sent to the Corps of Engineers, Grainger was all set to walk up to the Norh Hanger, when the gang could hold their laughter no longer. They were good sports and we were kept in good humor for the rest of the day.

What Pfc tried to horn in on another Pfc's girl by telling her he was married. (rotten trick, we think). S/Sgt Collier's disposition sour, someone must have stepped on his toes or could it be that he's disappoinnted in love???? S/Sgt "Jake" Themann in all his glory driving a certain red-head around town! (better keep out of D}kes way, Jake.) Sgt Quinlan bragging about his manliness.(????) Ruben h ving trouble with his store teeth. S/Sgt Van Housen's face red as he walked in one morning with a tall story. Barbara pining away because the mail man has been passing her by for the past week or so. S/Sgt Papez busy with his students and making eyes at Ernie. Cpl "Blubber" Hartsfield going home on furlough soon to get married. Pfcs Ward and Lee walking to Oroville to see their best gals. "Chubby" Sandgato always around and never missing a trick! Cpl "Maddog" McGlennen walking around as if he lost his best friend. Cpl Von Wald telling us the good and bad points about insurance.

Cadets Do 1700 Situps In Physical Fitness Award Competition

Aviation Cadet Eugene H. Ha ris of Squadron 12 has been chosen the cadet outstanding physically among the entire graduating class and ws presented with a special award at the review this morning.

He was chosen after a competition with Cadets Jack L. Schofield and Ernest H. Williams, who were tied for second place with 333.4 points. The winner had a margin of 50 points.

All three had physical fitness ratings of 95, and Cadets Harris annd Schohfield set a post record of 1700 sit ups, which is really phenominal. In addition Cadet Harris whizzed over the obstacle course in one minute and 53 seconds for a new post record.

Cadet Williams chinned himelf 32 times, and Cadet Harris did the 300 yard shuttle run in 45 seconds. Also Cadet Williams turned in an 880 yard run in 2:59 without t ack shoes and on a hard surface.

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Guys Like Us

(This editorial was printed in the first edition of the Flyer to be printed at CAAF. Because its lessons still apply , and because it was a fine opening thought for a new training field, it is being reprinted in the anniversary issue today)

By Pfc Lyle H. Tilford

The blood of Bataan and Corregidor will be smeared across the pages of history forever as the worst defeat and most gallant stand of any of America's wars.

The men who died on fever-ridden, Jap-infested Bataan and the men who fought on Corregidor Island until flesh and blood could no longer obey their will to battle, are America's fighting saints– –the men who sanctified the ground they held by proving that democracy produced, not a race of weaklings, but men who can take the best any enemy has to offer and never give up even after all hope of rescue is gone – – until literally overwhelmed.

They won the admiration and respect of the world, those tough Yanks in the foxholes of Bataan, and later on the shell-pounded isle of Corregidor. They agreed for themselves a large share of the glory that has been America's since Valley Forge. But they didn't quite qualify for Valhalla.

Valhalla is the final battleground for warriors the world over. Where battles are fought over and over and no one ever gets killed. Where all great warriors go, once they have fought their last earthly battel.

But these doughboys on Bataan and Corregidor weren't warriors. They weren't knights in khaki. They weren't Crusaders. Not these fellows.

They were Bud and Joe, who used to hang around the pool halls when the work at the factory was over, or who used to go to the big dance every Saturday night with the girls who lived down the block across the street.

They were John and Dick. Just guys. No shining armor, no fanfare. Just sun tan uniforms and a fighting grin. Guys who went when their way of living was threatened. Guys who loved life the way it was before all this mess. Guys who loved that life enough to die for it. Guys a lot like you and me.

Sure its easy to sit at a training base and wave an editorial flag. Maybe. . . But if we'd been there instead of here, we would have been just like Bud or Joe or Dick or John. And since we weren't there – –since it happens that our job is here helping training pilots – – the very least we can do is our very best.

Yeah, we sit around here at a training base; but we long to be over there when the going gets tough and another man could help. We feel the urge to battle, not as warriors for the fun of it, but as Bud and Joe, who didn't like the way some guys were disrupting their way of living.

Well, Bud and Joe are gone now. But they're not in Valhalla battling with professional soldiers. Still, there are a lot of soldiers where Bud and Joe are.

Soldiers like the Minute Men, and like the fellows who died at the Alamo. Just plain guys who liked to live where the living was good and who were willing to die to keep it that way.

Guys like us . . . . .

Royal Welcome

Some of the men transferred to Luke received a royal welcome in the "Lukomunique" that field's weekly paper. Here is the clipping from the 544th Squadron's column:

"WELCOME MEN

"The Squadron got a bunch of men the other day from Chico Army Air Field. Some of these lads have names that would do honor to any Notre Dame line-up. Names such as Tjarks. Luszczenski, Krempasky, and last, but not least, Szczechowicz, the lad better known as Leo J. He's the fellow who plays that instrument that is a toss-up between a concertina and an accordian. It can be easily called a "stomach juke-box" because there isn't any song that you can name that Leo J. can't play. Polkas, classics, and when it comes to jive that kid is a strictly solid sender. Starick-ly — sol-id. (Note. To all the new men—it's all in fun, fellas, when you see your name in print.)"

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Post Hardball Team Is Organized

Chico Army Air Field will again have a post hard ball team, and from the looks of the turnout and the amount of interest shown, it should be much more successful than last year's.

First of all it will greatly strengthened by the addition of Cpl Charley Henson of the 10th, who has a full season with the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League behind him.

As a hard hitting and snappy fielding first sacker, and playing manager, Charley should do wonders for the nine.

The decision to field a post team was made at a meeting held this week in the post gym. Games with various other army posts in this vicinity will be sought, most of which probably wil ble played on Sundays. The hard ball team will not interfere with the CAAF Softbal League.

Snappy new uniforms and new equipment have been ordered, according to S/Sgt Del Harmon of the P.T. department, one of the enthusiasts.

Another addition to the team is Lt. Lynn Everson, an infielder, who is reputed to have had plenty of baseball experience.

Present at the meeting were:

Lt. Everson, Cpl Henson, Cpl Dick MacGlennon and Pvt Eddie Driscoll of the Q.M., Cpl Lee Gamble and Pvt John Englis hof the 52nd, T/Sgt Bennie Friedman and Cpl Bob Van Gundy of the 97th, S/Sgt Ernest Bettenson and Sgt James Bryant of the 78th, Cpl Jan Janeshek, and S/Sgt Si Simoni of the 79th, Cpl. Ced Holloday, Cpl. Charles Keller, Pfc Greg Gregory, Pfc Smith and Cpl Charles Honors of the Guard Squadron, and Sgt Bower sof Weather.

S/Sgt Harmon said that anyone interested should contact him at the P.T. Department, Ext., 243.

Topeka, Kans. (CNS) — A "Hug Social" was held here recently at a war bond rally. It cost 50 cents in stamps to hug anyone between the ages of 15 and 20, 25 cents from 20 to 30, $1 to hug another man's wife, bachelor girls two for a quarter and women lecturers free with a chromo thrown in.

Pride of Yankees at USO Tonight; Formal Follows

Scheduled for tonight at the USO is the usual buffet supper followed by the free movie, "Pride of the Yankees" with Gary Cooper and Teresa Wright at 7:30. And at nine o'clock in Memorial Hall is the Easter Formal, with dancing partners being provided by the USO.

On April 15, the show is "Tey Got Me Covered" with Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour at the usual time of 7:30.

At Your Post Theatres

SATURDAY, 8 APRIL

LET'S FACE IT

Bob Hope—Betty Hutton

SUNDAY & MONDAY

BUFFALO BILL

Joel McCrea—Maureen O'Hara

Paramount News No. 61

TUESDAY

The Falcon Out West

Tom Conway—Barbara Hale

—and—

JAMBOREE

Ruth Terry—Don Wilson

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Four Jills in a Jeep

Kay Francis—Carole Landis

Martha Rae—Mitzi Mayfair

FRIDAY

You Can't Ration Love

Betty Rhodes—Johnnie Johnston

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CAAF Celebrates Second Birthday; Completes Two Years of Pilot Training

Chico Army Air Field, which has passed into the jurisdiction of the Fourth Air Force has completed two years of successful basic pilot training.

During that period several thousands of pilots have taken their places with AAF combat crews throughout the globe. And they have won practically every decoration possible for the Air Forces to grant.

But the biggest transition of all has been in the physical appearance of the field itself.

When the advance echelon from the parent field, Moffett, arrived here in the first week of April, they found unpaved streets, few buildings completed, only outdoor field kitchens, to say nothing of one vast sea of mud.

It clung to clothing, shoes and to the tires of motor vehicles. It was nothing to see many cars sunk up to the axles. But under the direction of Col. John K. Nisseley, first commanding officer, soldier crews went to work remedying the situation.

Streets were paved, walks covered with gravel, areas were cleaned up, and buildings gradually added. And later, when the post had become a smooth-functioning organization and the training program well under way, the work of beautification was begun.

MANY LAWNS

Now each bulding is surrounded with well kept lawns and shrubbery.

Highlight of the post's history, next to the great number of competant pilots trained here, was the outstanding safety record compiled in the 17 months prior to December 1942.

At the air corps basic flying school, Moffett Field, and at Chico Field, there was not a single fatality charged to flying training. This great record brought a citation from Colonel S.R. Harris, of the AAF Office of Flying Safety.

A little later in the same year, Chico Field added another milestone to its war effort contributions when it became the first installation in the command to have 100 per cent of its military personnel participating in war bond purchases through the payroll deductions plan.

RAINY DAY

Although advance personnel arrived in Chico on a rainy day early in April, the first training flight was not made from this runway until April 29, 1942, and on May 23 the last elements left at Moffett arrived here. Moffett Field has since been taken over by the Navy as a lighter than air base.

Among the improvements added at CAAF since the activation of the field were the construction of a fine NCO Club, fitting out of a well equipped gymnasium, and inauguaration of an extensive athletic program.

During the two year period, the post has had three commanding officers.

Colonel Nissley, who also was C.O. at Moffett, was commanding officer until March 13, when he was succeeded by Col. George F. Hartman, who had been at Williams Field as director of training.

Col. Hartman in turn was succeeded by the present commanding officer, Colonel Gerald Hoyle, who had been at Marfa, Tex., Army Air Field. Col. Hoyle now has been transferred to Force takes over the operation of Chico Field.

Don't Forget "THE PAYOFF" Tuesday

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New PX Fountain Hours Are 0800 to 2100

Our new fountain hours are from 0800 to 2100 daily, until further notice—to take care of the after-theater crowd. Like that expression "after-theater crowd." Sounds almost like civilian life.

The PX has a guest—Lt. Alfred J. Bartusch, a Ninth Service Command auditor. He's busily examining our books, while we pester him with questions.

Tropical worsted shirts and slacks now on sale in the clothing section of the Main PX.

Two of the PX Fountain's favorite guests are Sgts. Hampton and Stewart of the Provost Marshal's office. We like to have them here, but are quite content that they don't return the invitation.

Congratulations to Virginia Lawson of the PX Fountain, and Lt. Fisher. The went and wedded, and we wish them our best wishes.

Two Soldier Weddings Held in Post Chapel

Two soldier weddings took place last week in the post chapel, with Chaplain Dwight E. LaFollette officiating.

In a ceremony held 30 March, Miss Jean L. Graham of Detroit, Mich., became the bride of Aviation Cadet John E .Tarr of Highland Park, Mich. Attending them were Aviation Cadet and Mrs. Stanley I. Neese of CAAF.

On the following day Miss Mary Catherine Reid of Chico and Waterloo, Iowa, married Pvt. Albert R. Paul of the 10th, who hails from Fresno, Calif. They were attended by Irma Lee Hill of Chico and Sgt Ernest K. Gwinner of the 10th.

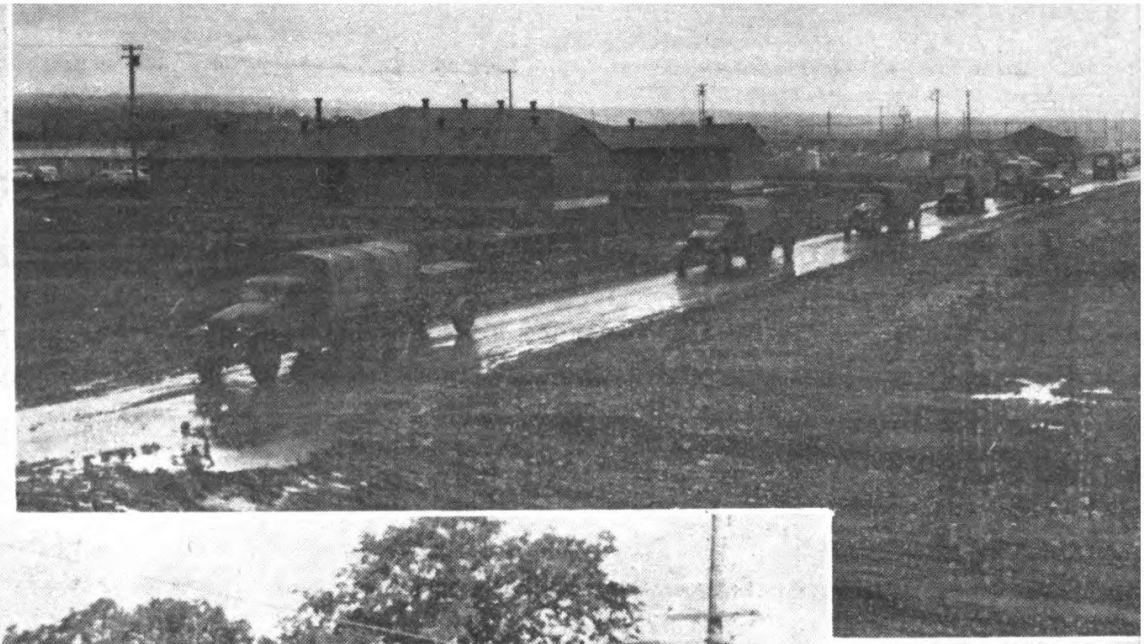
Cherry Blossom Time

And soon comes cherry blossom time,
Taruka San. Oh, sacred days of feast
And p i l g r i m a g e. Nagoya's seven shrines
Are waiting; the holy road to Fujiyama gleams
Where golden beetles weave your Emperor's
Footprints into prayer scrolls. And those
Imperial carp, most honorable of fishes,
Are dancing on their tails in hopes that he
Will grace their lotus poo lby spitting
Thus divinely—"Pit-tooo!" Oh, heavenly
Rapture! But you, Taruka San, make haste;
Go swiftly, little Jap. The sea is frothing.
The wind breathes hard—the cormorant is
Crying. Make haste, Taruka San, do not delay;
In Hamburg town the leaves fell off the trees
By June. Ten thousand Germans missed a Nazi
Festival at Bremen, because the streets caught fire;
And at Berlin, Taruka San, typhoon
And quaking earth cut short the linden's flowering.
The Nazi shrines at Munich, Kiel, and Munster
Are smoking dust. Their time was brief Taruka San;
And you, do hurry, please to look your last
Upon the cherry blossoms—token of the peace
You spurned, the friendship you betrayed. The worm
Is gnawing; flames are kindling fast—your cherries
May not ripen. Run, Taruka San, lest April
Find them stark. Go quickly, do not wait for May
This year, Taruka San, In May—who knows?
Run, run! We are so sorry, so sorry
That we must needs make ashes of the cherry trees—
And you, Taruka San.

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

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Mud greeted truck convoy from Moffet





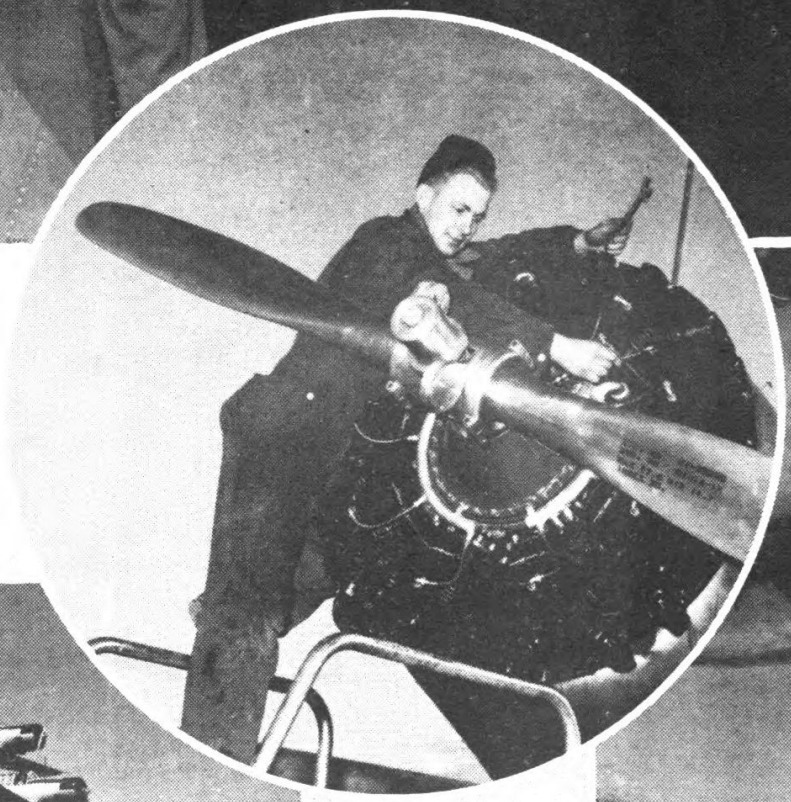
More mud this time near BOQ

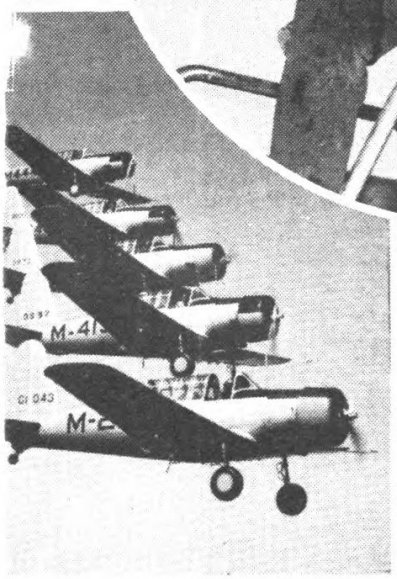


Eating chow was no fun in April, 1942

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On the CAAF flight line

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There's even a Santa Claus in the Army



K-9 and handler all set







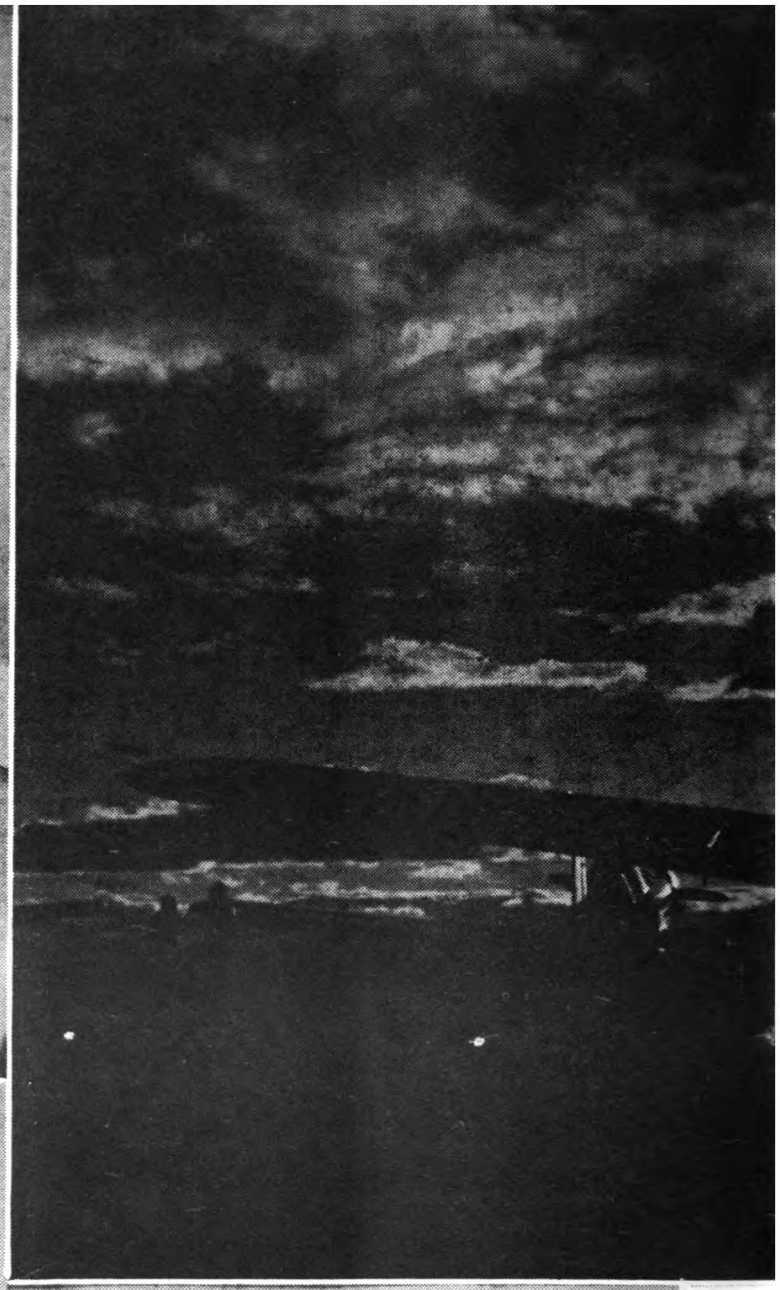
Time out for light fantastic

The Band set for retreat



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Photo masterpiece by S. Sgt. Pound
Sunset at Chico Field

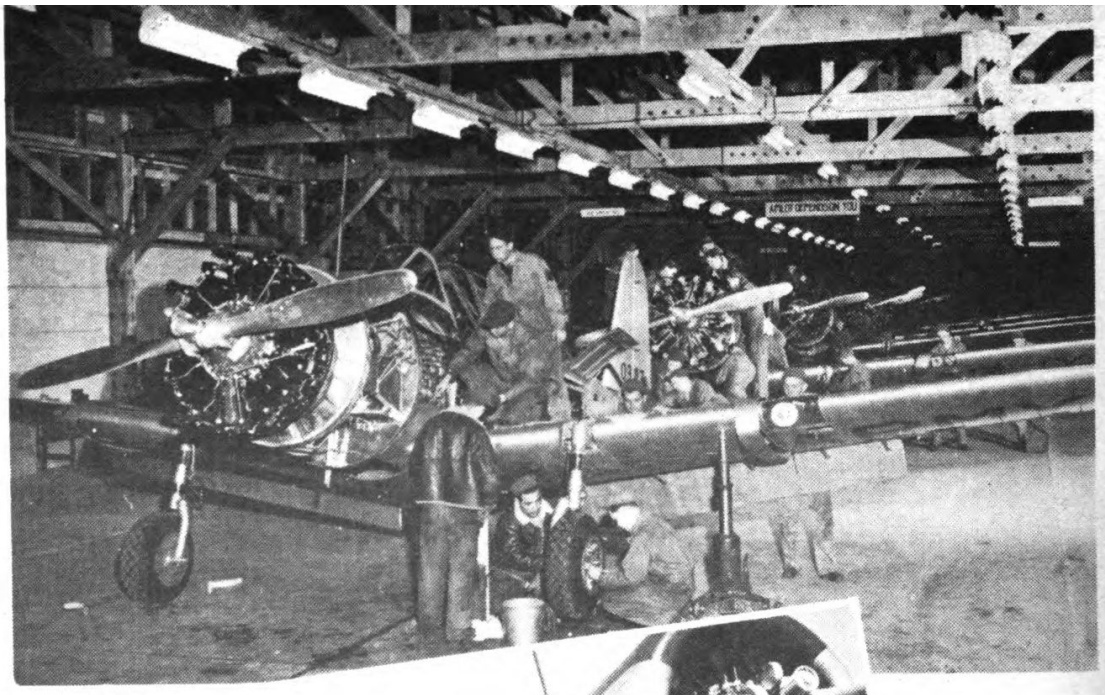


Three commanding officers:

Col. Gerald Hoyle
Col. John K. Nissley
Col. George F. Hartman

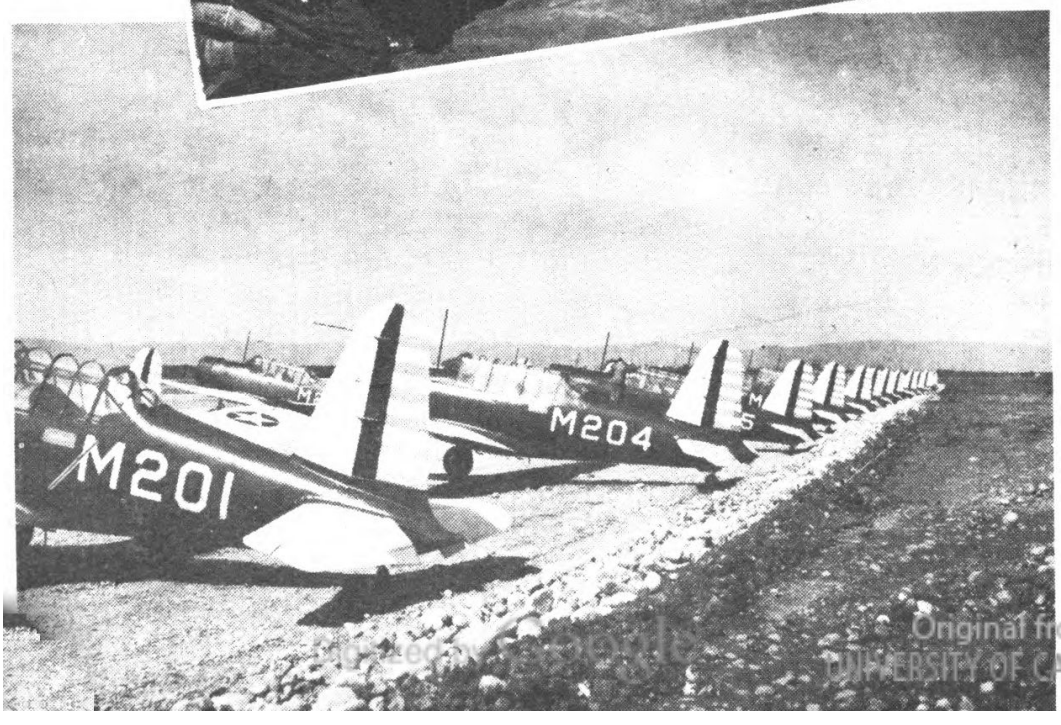
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Production
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Below, mapping
out the
cross country



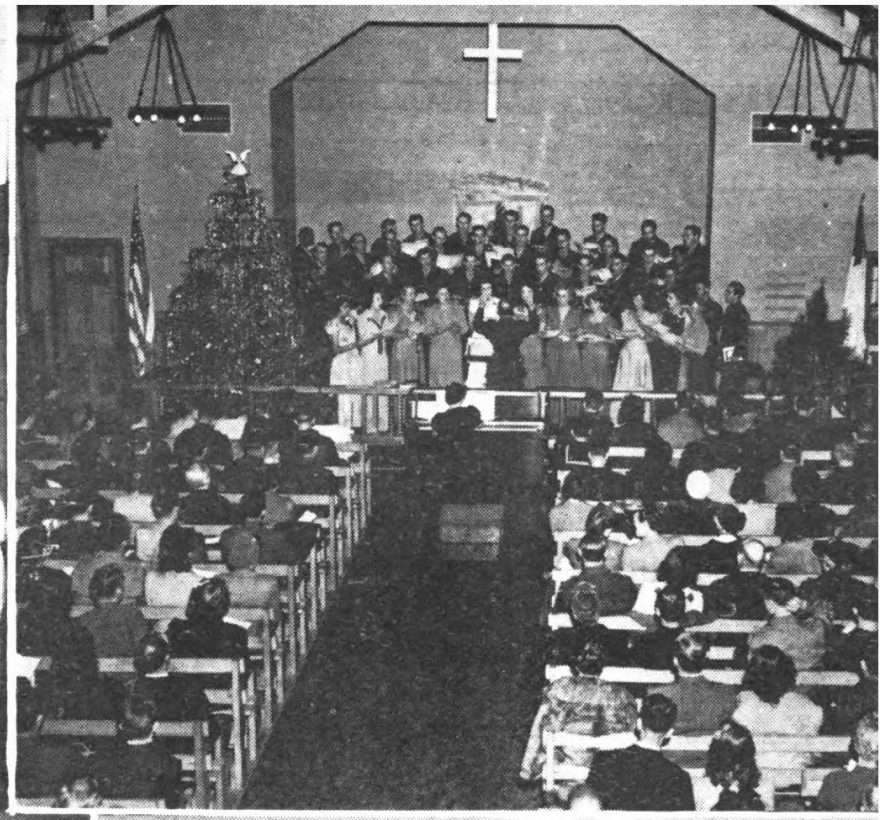


Remember when the
BTs were
gaily colored.
And how about
the rocks, too?

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Robbie of the Robbers





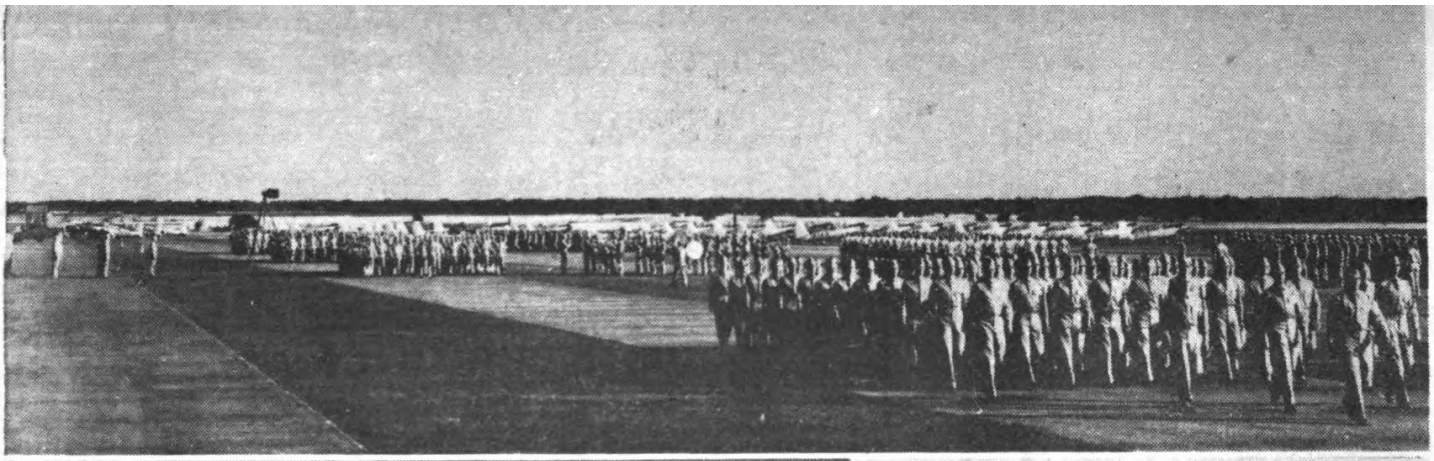


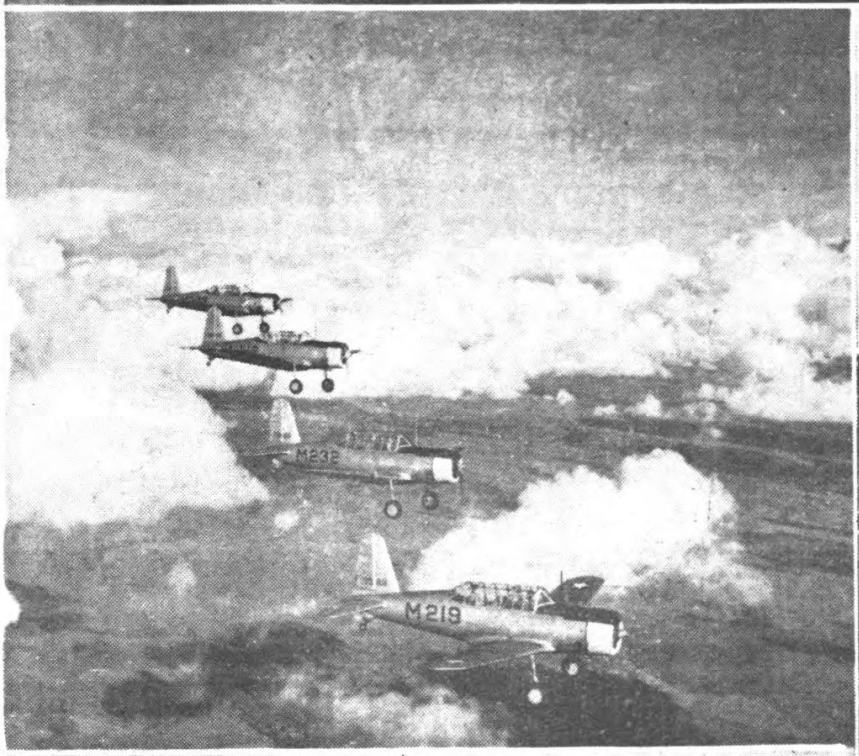


A trunk twister daily

Sweating out the PX bus

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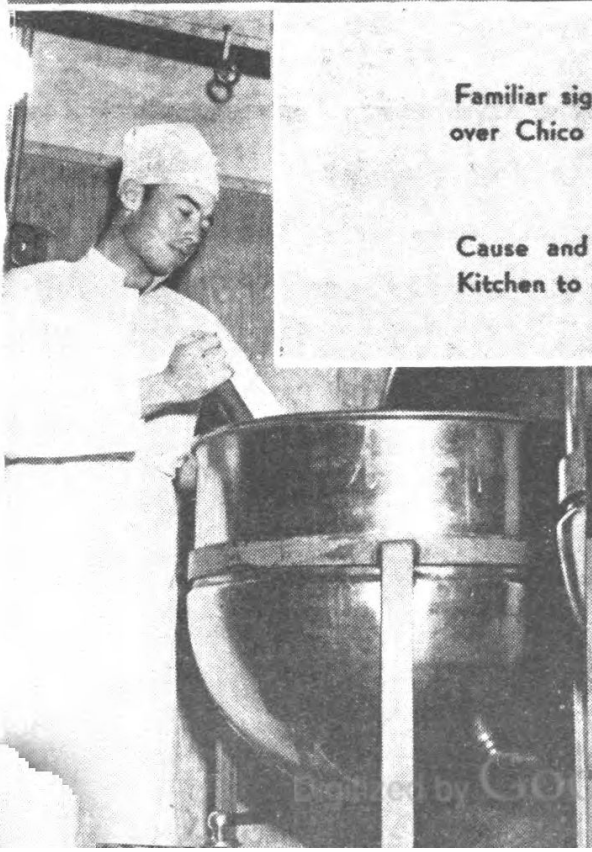
CAAF's first retreat

Dit dit dah, dit dit dah



Familiar sight
over Chico Field

Cause and effect
Kitchen to chow line





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CAAF Civilian Employees Top Command in Suggestion Awards

Notch another achievement in the long list compiled by Chico Army Air Field!

Out of every six civilian employee suggestions accepted in the Western Flying Training Command, one has been from Chico Field.

These figures are for the period from 2 June, 1943, through 31 December, 1943. According to figures released by the AAF Training Command the Western Flying Training Command leads in percentage of accepted suggestions out of those submitted.

General H.H. Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Forces, has expressed real satisfaction on the relative showing of the Training Command's progress to date.

"You are to be congratulated for your achievement in establishing a standard worthy of the other commands and air forces to follow," he said.

At Chico field another precedent was set when Lillian E. King, sheet metal shop employee, became the first woman to have a suggestion accepted. She submitted a plan for a device to dispense and spread rubber cement used in attaching chafing strips.

Other suggestions accepted included:

Arthur Boggs, a vacuum dust-disposal unit; Douglas Moberley, pair of special tools; and Walter Pfeffer, device for scarfing wooden patches.

Three New Officers Assigned to Sub-Depot

Three CAAF officers have been assigned to the 19th Sub Depot this week.

They include Capt. Paul J. Birkofer, new maintenance officer who formerly was engineering officer at flifht 3; Capt. Oscar B. O'Neill, formerly CO of Training Sq. 2, who is assistant maintenance officer and test pilot; and Lt. Lloyd E. Williams, formerly supply and transportation officer for the 52nd. He is assistant supply officer at the Sub Depot.

Captain Birkofer and O'Neill both are veteran flyers, and Lt. Williams was an infantry enlisted man before going to AAF Officer Candidate School.

52nd Column

I'VE SEEN HERE!

BY PVT HARGRAVE

Something new has been added to the Flyer. And remember, fellows, there's a paper shortage . . . no Flyers in the waste-baskets.

Pfcs Gamble and Haynes are back on the post . . . been enjoying a furlough . . . .

Opls West and Williams left recently. Furlough!

Pvt Whitmore left Sunday. Furlough!

What am I saying? Gotta cut out this furlough talk. Getting homesick.

Take a peep in the area around the 52nd. Its being policed in cadence. Really looks good.

Barracks Number Two (that's my roost) has been passing inspection every Saturday with flying colors. So lets give three cheers to the working men in the barracks for a change, and not the barracks leader.

Springtime again, my lads, and the girl-power shortage in Chico is dragging my morale through the proverbial rock bottom!

We have a pinup boy in Barracks Number Two – – Pvt Alvin Charleston. Every night he puts on a private beauty contest. Parading around in his underwear. If he resembles anything living or dead its not intended, but purely coincidental.

Didja hear the one about the certain large soldier being "busted" from a M.P. private to a dishwashing private – – second class. Tis true!

CARRY ON

Don't forget, "men of war," we have a date with a guy one hour a day for three days next week. Name? Mr. Careless Thinnix.

DRESS RIGHT, DRESS!

The well dressed soldier will wear this summer a brown ensemble consisting of . . . shirt and pants to match and chevrons (if you're lucky) on each sleeve of the shirt. Cotton socks and G.I. knobs will adorn the ground pads. A garrison cap sitting smartly on the knowledge box, tilting slightly over the right eye. And for a change in color, green folding money should grace the jeans.

See ya next Sadday.

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Palm Sunday to Easter at the Post Chapel

PROTESTANT

Palm Sunday 1015
Holy Communion Thursday at 1900
Good Friday 1300-1445
Seven fifteen minute services:
"The Seven words from the Cross"
Easter Sunday 1015

CATHOLIC

Palm Sunday ..... Mass at 0800
Easter Sunday ..... Mass at 0800
Confessions (Holy Saturday) 1300-1500

(Catholic Services in Chico at St. John the Baptist Church)
Blessing and distribution of Palms at 1030 Palm Sunday.
"Three Hours" on Good Friday from 1200-1500.
Evening services: Holy Thursday and Good Friday, at 1930.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF CHICO ARMY AIR FIELD:

You are part of a great crusade. A terrible necessity has forced a peace-loving people into war. Ruthless savagery has made war terrible. But millions are pleading for survival and deliverance. Events have proved the necessity of the total resources of our country. The cost in blood and treasure is already heavy.

You have been saddened by the suffering and sacrifice of those who led the way. You have not been discouraged. You must not be discouraged. You have the inspiration that has come from the heroism of those who have turned defeat to victory.

Holy Week and Easter remind you of the supreme in manhood. Look on Calvary and behold the calm courage and the sublime dignity of the Man of Sorrows. Witness the Resurrection and see a Conqueror, the gentlest, fairest and noblest. Let Him be your model. He too will be your friend. With Him you will have success, not the least in self-discipline and courage and mental balance. A Happy Easter then. It was good to have you with us for so many months. God be with you wherever you are. A happy landing back in the good old U. S. A.!

FATHER PATRICK CRONIN

Easter 1944

The longer the war goes on, the more do we feel the need of a strength greater than our own. The unending hardships, sufferings and loss of life burden our thoughts more and more, and threaten to crowd out completely our hopes of any lasting joy in the victory to come. We know we are fighting against a powerful malignant force which cannot be destroyed by bullets and bombs. In our helplessness we sink to our knees in prayer and from the depths of our heart comes the cry, "Lord, save us . . . we perish."

Thus does God, through the agonies of war, lead men to a knowledge of Himself and to a realization that if our spirit fails no worldly weapons can bring real victory and peace. Hand in hand with God's Son we go through Gethsemane. In Gethsemane we pause near a prostrate body and we learn the secret of all strength . . . "Father, not my will, but Thine be done." Then to the foot of Calvary where we stand with eyes fixed on a crucified figure. We move on to wait before a tomb closed and sealed. We wait . . . but not in vain. With the rising of the sun HE, the crucified, comes forth from the tomb.

We know that men who visit Gethsemane and Calvary and the Open Tomb are men who have no fear, who can endure all things, and who with Christ are sure of a final and glorious victory.

DWIGHT E. LA FOLLETTE
Post Chaplain

Member of First CAAF Class Awarded Cross

First Lieutenant Stanton N. Opdahl, of Minneapolis, Minn., a member of the first class of cadets to train at Chico Army Air Field, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for action with the Twelfth Air Force, operating out of northwest Africa.

Also awarded the DFC for operations with the same theater was Arthur B. Hilmo, of Everett, Wash., who trained at Moffett but who graduated from here with the first group. Major John Heninger, another Moffettt Field graduate, who hails from Logan, Utah, also received the DFC.

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97th News & Views

By Sgt Charles A. Helmer

The spotlight of the week in the 97th shines on the bivouac held deep in the wilds of Bidwell Park. Not being able to attend myself due to duties information was aquired from Sgt Charles Peterson . . . The men climbed aboard the trucks at the orderly room but after riding a short distance learned the rest of the journey was to be on foot. After getting out of the trucks and walking a short distance the next order of the day was a gas attack and simulated battle explosions . . . If you don't think liquid tear gas burns just ask Cpl Clark about it . . . The chow line was very popular because all of the men had aquired quite an appetite and the chow was plentiful as provided by cooks from the general mess. Beer and ginger cookies were enjoyed by the fellows after dinner . . Seen coming back for seconds on the beer were Sgt Hayes, Sgt Campbell, Cpl Burkhart, Cpl Ryser, Cpl Light and Pvt Blumenthal . . . Cpl Callamaras attempting the feat of wrassling any and all comers and I understand he is quite good at the art . . . Major Howard and Lt. Thurman enjoyed the day as much as any of the men according to all observations. After returning late in the afternoon all the men agreed that the bivouac was entertaining as well as educational and are looking forward to another one . . .

S/Sgt Sudbury, our chief clerk in the orderly room, is back to his second childhood. He reported on sick call the other morning and the medics promptly told him he had the mumps . . . Now Sud is wondering where he could have aquired those things . . .

Word was received the other day from one of the former members of the 97th, Pfc Leseberg. He used to be one of the members of our orderly room staff and we understand that he is getting along just swell with his new assignment.

Now enjoying a very much needed and hard earned furlough is First Sgt Bailey . . . He will really be able to take life easy for the next couple of weeks and probably get in a game [illegible]

Sgt. Cox is quite a landscape artist these days since he now has the job of keeping the squadron area spic and span . . . I still wonder when we will get oranges from the fruit trees recently planted?

Tis rumored that Sgt Morgal received five letters in one day . . . It just goes to show you that your fan mail doesn't drop off even th[illegible] in the army . . . .

78th Notes

By J.R. Haines

My apologies to the 78th boys for not having a column in the Flyer last week. A shortage of men and long hours . . . well you know how it is. May it never happen again.

Beer Baron Dubiel has a new heart throb at the PX. As yet I haven't seen her. I wonder what happened to Phyllis?

Pfc Reed seems to have found something in his sack the other morning . . .

Payday was very expensive for most fellows. One in particular. It seems [illegible]gt Bush's altimeter was off and he hit ground before he was ready. Result: broken tooth.

I see where Sgt Hutchinson finally succeeded in getting a furlough after ten months.

I wonder why Major Freeman didn't up on the stage at the USO - amp how other night. It seems that hypno[illegible] work on officers better than on enlisted men.

I wasn't even April Fooled the first were you?

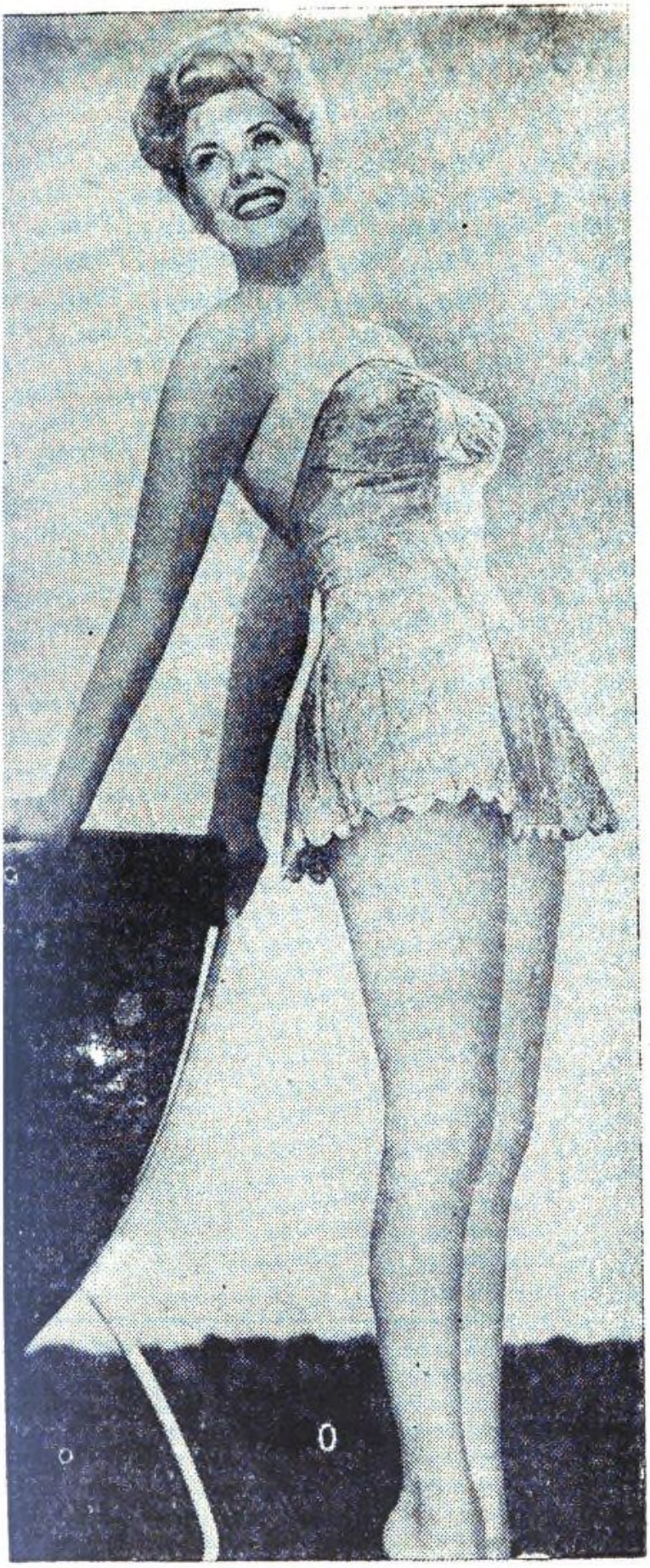
Wish one could get a furlough every six months like Cpl Lee. In the next war I'll get me an office job or in the day room.

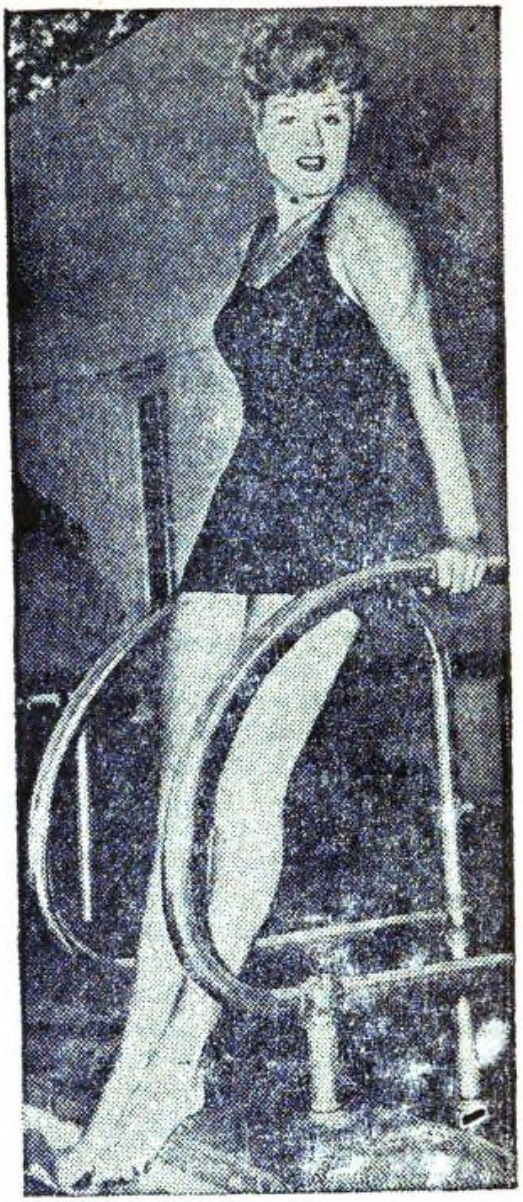
This new army worries me. In the old army a private cut grass and pulled weeds. In this new army it takes a sergeant. How about it, Benny?

The squadron is concerned over the fact that 1st Sgt Anderson hasn't been seen with any of his lady friends in Chico since returning from furlough?

Also, we would like to meet Cpl Ungaretti's new girl friend, but it seems he particular to whom he introduces her. All we know is that her name sounds something like Bess.

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§ Here we have the Flyer's new pinup section. At left is Paramounts Marie McDonald who is currently playing in an opus entitled "I Love a Soldier." That goes double, Marie! Center is the Footlocker Queen, Shelly Winter of United Artists, and not bad either. And on our right —mmmm! It's Vicki Styles, who works for David O. Selznick, the lucky guy. Nice lighting effects, too.

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79TH COLUMN

By DRY MARTINI

After a hard week of long tiring hours, we have gone back to our old schedule on the line. Both flights have done a grand job in keeping our planes flying. Regardless of our man power shortage, no gripes were heard from anyone. Personally I think our G. I. personnel deserve many thanks.

Easter Sunday; that is tomorrow, gang. Let's have a hundred per cent turnout for our Easter Services. Catholic Mass will be held at 0800. Protestant services will be at 1015. Here's wishing each and every one of you a Happy Easter.

The past week there has been a lot of chatter about baseball. Well, what are we waiting for? I'm sure Corporal Janeshek would be willing to start the ball rolling.

And so this week we have S/Sgt. Romeo (I'm sorry we don't have any, Butter-Ball) Simoni brushing up the Supply Area. Then the rains came and the whitewash departed.

Sergeant Carl (Curly Top) Albert entertaining the boys at operations with wild and wooly TALL stories . . .

Sergeant Toothless Northup becoming an aircraft mechanic.

Sergeant Jitter Bug Semanik cutting a mean rug at Moonlight Gardens.

Corporal Worry-Wart Loffler sweating out the bulletin board.

Letters have been pouring in from our former members of this squadron. All seem to have (G. I. talk) a swell deal. And why not? They're a swell bunch of fellows . . . WE'RE a swell too . . But! Oh well.

Until next week, 'bye-now.

. ENGINEERS .

Captain R. F. Rosenbach has arrived at CAAF to take over the duties of Post Engineer, relieving Captain L. E. Tyson who has received orders to transfer to Fort Douglas, Utah.

Captain Rosenbach's military career began two years ago in the Equipment Procurement Division in the office of the Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C. From there he was sent to the Deseret Chemical Warfare Depot at Tooele, Utah, where he was Post Engineer for 14 months. He was then transferred to Luke Field, Arizona, where he served six months prior to coming to Chico. His wife has come with him and will make her home in this locale.

Captain Tyson has been Post Engineer on this field for the past 16 months. He and Mrs. Tyson will leave in the near future for Fort Douglas, where he will report for duty in the Office of the Service Command Engineers. His many friends in Chico are reluctant to see him leave, but wish him the best of luck in his new assignment.

Was quite interesting to present Miss Billie Jo Martin with a bassinet in care of her father, Pfc. Charles Martin last Saturday. Miss Martin of course could not show her appreciation of the gift, but her daddy proved to be a good substitute — complete with surprise, self consciousness and expressions of thanks. Jeane and Norm's pride knew no bounds when they were asked by the assembled office force to demonstrate the merits of the bassinet.

It's surprising the number of people who accepted peppermint taffy on April Fool's Day. As long as the powdered alum held out, we had a wonderful time getting rid of the taffy.

Captain Tyson enjoyed awarding the war bond to Milon D. Howard of the Fire Department Saturday night. Chief Stuart came in for his share of the awards also but we haven't seen his medal appear on the post!

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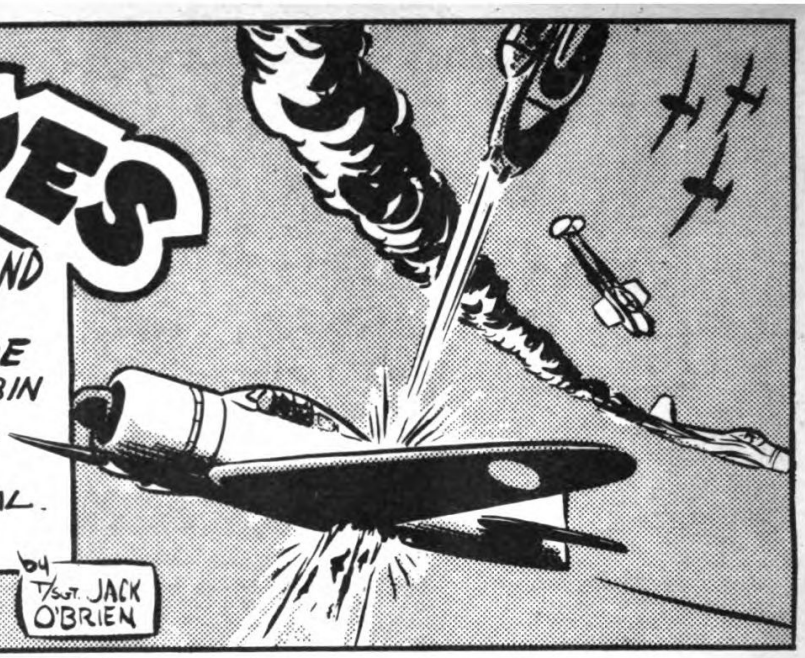
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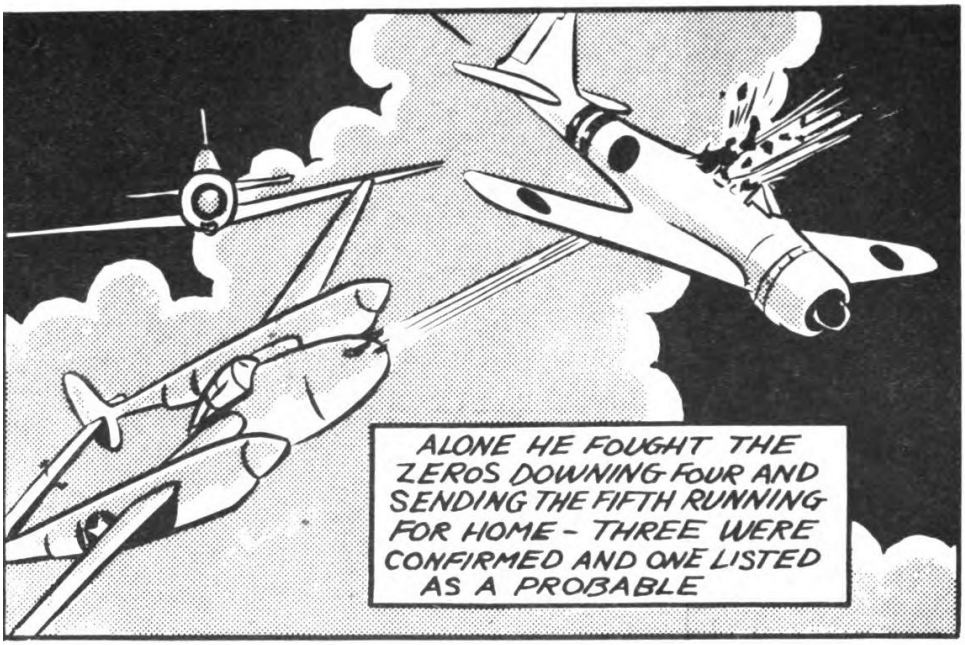
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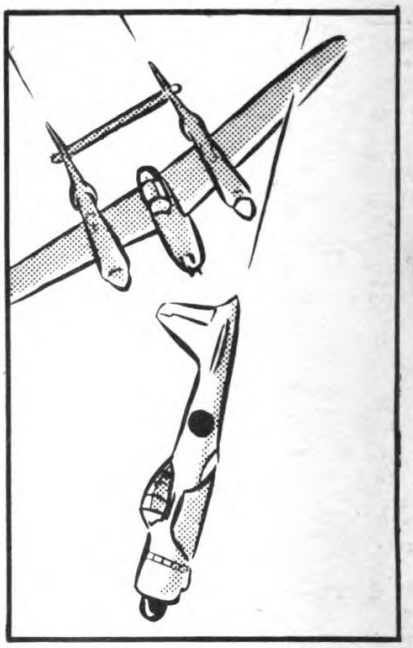
A GRADUATE OF SANTA ANA, TULARE, LEMOORE and LUKE. LT. MURRAY J. SHUBIN GARNERED A TOTAL OF FIVE CONFIRMED ZEROS AND ONE PROBABLE ON A SINGLE FLIGHT OUT OF GUADALCANAL.

by T/Sgt. JACK O'BRIEN

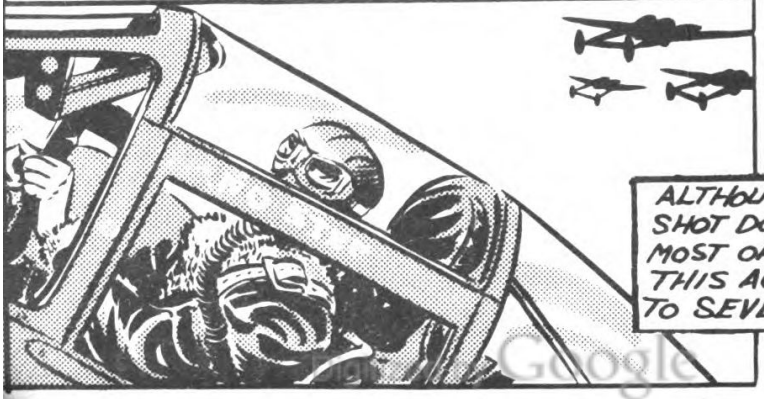


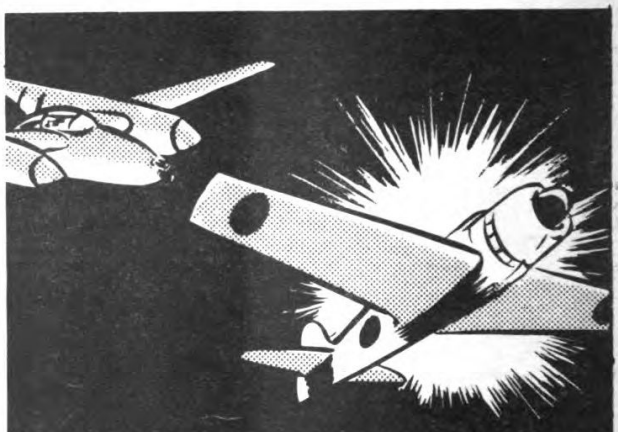


ALONE HE FOUGHT THE ZEROS DOWNING FOUR AND SENDING THE FIFTH RUNNING FOR HOME - THREE WERE CONFIRMED AND ONE LISTED AS A PROBABLE



LEADING A FLIGHT OF FOUR P38s LT. SHUBIN ATTACKED TEN ZEROS KNOCKING DOWN TWO WHILE HIS FLIGHT GOT THREE MORE - TWO OF THE P38s WERE FORCED HOME OUT OF AMMUNITION AND A THIRD INJURED LEAVING LT. SHUBIN TO HOLD OFF FIVE ZEROS-





ALTHOUGH A FEW OTHER FIGHTER PILOTS HAVE SHOT DOWN FIVE PLANES IN A SINGLE FLIGHT MOST OF THEM WERE GERMAN TRANSPORTS - THIS ACTION BROUGHT LT. SHUBIN'S TOTAL TO SEVEN VICTORIES AND TWO PROBABLES.

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More CAAF Ex-Cadets Receive Decorations

The list of pilots trained at Chico Army Air Field who have been decorated for meritorious service with the various AAF combat units continues to grow.

According to a report compiled by the ground school, 27 of the AAF air crew members mentioned in the April issue of Air Force were graduates of either Moffett or Chico Field.

Of this number, three were as recent graduates as the 43-A class from CAAF.

They included Lt. John P. Foley, Distinguished Flying Cross; Lt. Edward J. Pawlawski, also Distinguished Flying Cross, and Lt. Robert E. Amrstrong, Air Medal and nine oak leaf clusters.

Others decorated included Majors Donald O. Tower and William W. Wilcox, Captains James Miller, George B. Whitlock, Woodward B. Carpenter, Morgen H. Cox Jr., Anthony H. Ivens, Andrew H. Price, Mabry Simmons and Harrison G. Word; Lts. Ralph Baker, Warren A. Blakely, Dallas A. Clinger, F. R. Schmidt, Geroe A. Simeral, Virgil H. Smith, Frederick C. Bock, Robert R. Foley, Vincent J. Roddy, James M. Rowland (posthumous), William A Smith, Daniel A. Story and Charles E. Weller.

Columbia, S. C. (CNS)—Rep. Lane Aalbert listened to his fellow members of the State Legislature introduce bill after bill, then asked permission to introduce a bill of his own. Permission granted, he presented two grocery bills owed him by members of the House.

Pass Your Flyer On This Week

Pass your Flyer around this week!

In line with established policy on conservation of paper, the weekly publication of Chico Army Air Field will henceforth be distributed one copy to each two men.

And if you pass your copy on after you have finished with it, paper will be saved for more important uses, and each man still will be able to read the Flyer.

Downpour Hits As Final Post Review Is Held

While a downpour drenched military and civilian personnel, the final post review before CAAF passes into the Fourth Air Force was held Saturday morning. Approximately 500 civilians, guests of Colonel Gerald Hoyle witnessed the event.

Honor squadron for the day was the 79th, commanded by Major L.V. Call, with E.L. McCormack first sergeant. It was chosen in a competition judged on appearance in the dry run Friday, squadron area and records, and barracks inspection.

Second was the 953rd, with the 10th in third place. The 79th had a score of 73 out of a possible 75.

During the review Col. Hoyle presented plaques to four cadets chosen for proficiency in flying, academic subjects, leadership and physical training.

They included Cadets Phillip L. Rice, leadrship; Ralph C. Robinson, flying; William H. Libby, academic; and Eugene E. Harris, physical training.

Later in the south theatre 90 civilians received meritorious award ribbons for six month's satisfactory service at CAAF. The presentation was made by Colonel Hoyle after the recipients were introduced by Major John J. Daly, civilian personnel officer.

Monday night the last class of cadets to train at this post said farewell with a dance in Memorial Hall.

Ex-CAAF Soldier Now on Italian Front

T/Sgt Paul Sadin, who was NCO in charge of the message center at post headquarters here up until one year ago, is now in Italy in the operations room of an allied air field.

In a letter to friends, he added that its plenty rough over there. T/Sgt Sadin was a buck sergeant when he left here.

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97th News & Views

The fellows were really putting the old elbow grease on the barracks floor the other night prior to the inspection. Some of the worst cases of "dishwater hands" were suffered by. Sgts Connor, Mongal, Tatosian, Cpls Hutchinson, Shaffer, Pfc Smith and Pfc Englebert . . . S/Sgt Singer was right in there pitching with a mop in one hand and a garden hose in the other cleaning out the latrine . . . Pvt Perkins has been given the title of "Window Specialist of Barracks 708" as he is very good at the art.

M/Sgt Mike Vejraska left the squadron this week to attend Officers Candidate School in Texas. The squadron wishes you the best of everything Mike.

The day of the big parade arrived and then "The Rains Came". This still didn't lower the spirits of the old 79th as the fellows started to sing, "Hail, Hail, The Gangs All Here" . . . One very wet fellow was heard to remark: "These raincoats don't turn the rain, they just strain it" . . .

Most of the members of the 79th received certificates of proficiency stating they had completed their basic training. The bivouac last week brought to a close the basic training of most of the squadron.

Cpl H.J. Wynne left this week for Hammond General Hospital for further treatment. We all hope he will be back at the old job before many more days go by . . .

It seems that Sgt Tatosian has applied for another three day pass . . . I don't know for sure but I think it would be safe to say that Redding was his destination.

Tis' rumored that Staff Sgts Flaurr and Raberge have gone into the farming business having rented a ten acre farm . . . Be sure to invite me out to a vegetable dinner fellows just as soon as something starts to grow.

M-Sgt Bracher really did a fine job as acting First Sergeant for the squadron at the parade in absence of F-Sgt Bailey. F-Sgt Bailey is still enjoying that furlough and he really did take it at the right time since he missed the sound drenching received by the squadron at the formation.

The Squadron soft-ball team seems to be coming along in fine shape. If anyone is still interested in playing he should come out to the next practice and really help to put the old 97th across.

52nd Column

I'VE SEEN HERE!

By Pvt Hargrave

Although the rain beat a Gene Krupa solo in my face I managed somehow to see the parade last Saturday. And despite the weather conditions it was a huge success. Another cheer goes up for the 52nd.

The sofball club of the 52nd is getting in shape to defeat any opposition that comes their way. So come on you G.I.'s, lets get in there and "root" for the home team.

If S/Sgt Wade ever approaches any you G.I.'s with the subject, "Wait another month before taking your furlough." Run! Don't walk to the nearest exit. He'll hand you a line complete with hook and sinker. See him a week later and this is what you get—your name isn't on the furlough book and you are handed a 24 hour pass instead.

Every night when the lights are out there are two small lights that shine on the ceiling in Barracks two. Just found out that the street lamp shines on the bald pates of Cpl Pryor and Pfc Hogan and cast these mysterious reflections.

Nosing about the Day Room the other day, noticed we are very much in need of some new books and magazines.—George Washington must have read here.

Pvt Charles Myers luckily hit the jackpot on a machine in town twice, but he continued playing—Yep you guessed it—It broke him.

April 25 Date For USO Camp Show

Tuesday, April 25 is the date set for the latest USO Camp Show comedy revue, to be held in the post gymnasium at CAAF.

Jack Waldron is comic master of ceremonies, and has received high praise in all camp newspapers wherever the show has played. This comedian, who works in and out of all the acts and has his own routine, has had 20 years in the show business.

Then there are the Three Tones, a trio of comely misses who do some close harmony, some trick hoofery, juggling and all of the rest. Servicemen and their families are admitted free, of course.

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-:- Quartermaster -:-

By PETER

That inevitable daily discussion about money had reared its ugly head once more. The Round Table agreed, without exception, that the buying power of the good old American dollar had decreased no end during the last century. To prove the point Ward was prompted to explain that it was no trick for G. Washington to toss a buck across the Ptomac. It was a simple feat—Money went further in those days.

Jackson Ricer, our intrepid, erudite scholar, upon whom a grateful nation has seen fit to bestow every known honorary degree —- except San Quentin third (he has to sweat that one out) needs only four more accredited hours to earn his B. S. in goldbricking. "The way hasn't been easy," reminisced Jackson, "when I first started to school my teacher told me to sit here for the present and I sat there for two years but never got a darn thing."

"VICE VERSA"

There's something about a lightning bug
Both shocking and electric—
His buggie-wuggie dancing flight
Appears to be most hectic.
But if his flickering neon sign
Would perchance offend—
Remember he's all mixed up in life;
His headlight's on his tailend.

John Hansbury's Irish eyes were smiling when he announced in a very proud fatherly way that the House of Hansbury has a new heir. A 7 lb. 3 oz. Colleen. Nice goin' Johnny.

This world is certainly in a turmoil, isn't it? It brings to mind a statement uttered by my old friend Bellegarde — about the only thing you can depend on anymore is that a meatball won't bounce.

Chapel Services

16 April 1944

CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800. Confessions 0730-0800.
Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship at 1015; sermon, "Highways Men Travel." Special music: male quartet from the 52nd Aviation Squadron.
Dwight E. Lafollette, Chaplain

. ENGINEERS .

We dedicate the column this week to Captain L.E Tyson, who has been transferred to Fort Douglas, Utah. He won't be here to read this issue, but we will be glad to see that he receives one. The following poem was written in recognition of the farewell the girls in the office planned for hm.

Slowly, and with measured tread—Captain Tyson took the floor.
In the silence we humbly stood—a proud and happy Corps.
Captain Rosenbach spoke, he commended the Captain,
For the bravery he'd shown under fire—and in Action!
'Against innumerable odds and a surprise attack,
The Captain,' he said, 'held his adversaries back.
They had him surrounded—He could escape in no manner,
The lipstick they left was like a bright bloody banner!
His face was immobile—his teeth were tight clenched,
Not once from him was a cry or plea wrenched.
He was marked from his forehead, to the tip of his chin—
There was a red cupid's bow where his his mouth had just been!
With one last great effort—he defeated his foes,
The lipstick he left, was on more than one nose.
With a stout right arm, and his back to the wall,
He watched his tormenters one by one fall.'
The silence was doubtful as Captain Rosenbach finished,
And a part of our pride had most noticeably diminished.
And as he awarded the medal—we couldn't but wonder,
If he hadn't committed a most awful blunder.
Proudly, defiantly, Captain Tyson raised his head,
And as he searched our faces--the truth he there read.
The rest of the post can remember a King--
But we girls in the office think he's a sheep in wolf's clothing!

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USO MOVIES

TONIGHT AT 7:30

THEY GOT ME COVERED

with BOB HOPE and DOROTHY LAMOUR

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

BOMBARDIER

with PAT O'BRIEN RANDOLPH SCOTT and ANNE SHIRLEY

The next USO Formal Dance will be Saturday evening, April 22, from 9 to 11:30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall. All servicemen, their wives, and Junior Hostesses are invited. If you wish to bring your girl friend get an invitation from the USO office if she is not a member of the local club. Servicemen's wives do not need an admittance card, but must be accompanied by their husbands.

Sports Outlook For Season Is Good

The spring sports picture at Chico Army Air Field is progressing favorably according to reports from both softball and hardball camps.

Enthusiasts of the latter sport have held a couple of practice sessions for the post team, and have made plans for improving Memorial Field in Chico, where the games and practices will be held.

A volunteer detail under 1st Lt. F.L. Bartlett will fix the fences, cut the ankle high grass in the outfield, and drag the infield until the diamond is ready for some fast competition.

And from the looks of the teams in army camps nearby, Cpl Charley Henson and his boys are in for some.

S/Sgt. Johnny Murry, president of the softball league, announces that the lights have been fixed at the Diamond Match park and that the teams are rarin' to go. Several practice matches have been played already, with the Q.M. ten, winners last season, massacring the Medics in a pair of tilts.

Others of the outfits are rounding into shape, and a repetition of last year's snappy race is seen.

Swimming Pool Gets Renovated

There still may be a slight chill in the air, and the rain falls now and then, but there's a hint of summer in the post.

And that's down at the south end of the field, where Lt. Herman Troutman and Sgt Bob Love of the physical traininng department are working with a detail of ten men.

Doing what? Why cleaing out the enlisted men's swimming pool, of course. And getting it ready for opening next month some time.

According to 1st Lt. F.L. Bartlett, post athletic officer, there will be a new paint job and a new chlorination system. And a swell water program including instruction for beginners, again this summer.

78th Notes

By J. R. HAINES

Greetings once again from the boys at the southern end of the field. Will roll down my flaps and give out with a little news.

Some much deserved three day passes are being issued down on the line. The boys have worked very hard the last few months and are entitled to some time off.

The parade Saturday must have been very good from what I can gather from several civilians. I'm sure a lot of the fellows prayed for rain Friday night and their prayers were answered, but we couldn't let a little rain stop us.

A little yard birding helped the appearance of the area one hundred percent. Yes, I mowed three acres myself. F/Sgt. Anderson was out helping his boys. I have several pictures of him mowing the lawn. The boys should be congratulated on their fine job, as it was all voluntary.

I noticed several 78th boys at the formal dance the other night. We were a little out-numbered, but we had a good time.

I hope everyone had a very nice Easter. Not all attended the post chapel but I saw quite a few at church in Chico.

Several of the boys have received letters and cards from men formerly stationed at this field. I think and know that they prefer Chico to any other field. Can you blame them?

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Final Cadet Review



Left, the color guard is reflected on the wet parking apron.

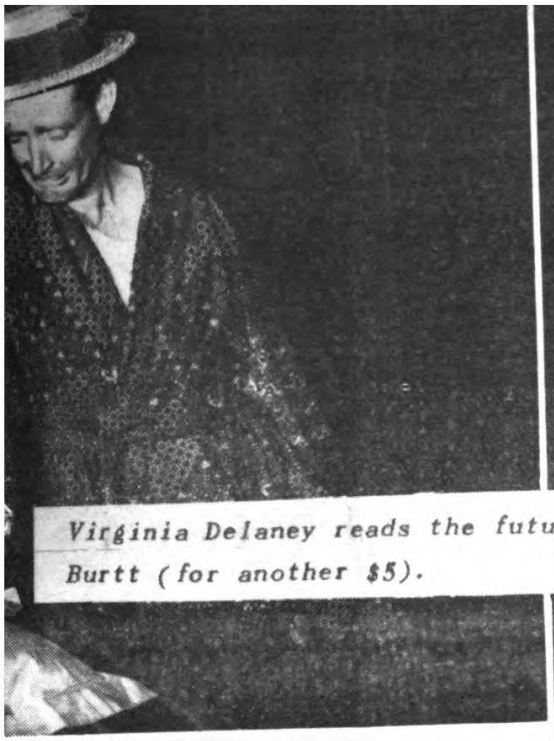
Below, the four top ranking cadets ready to receive their awards from Colonel Hoyle.

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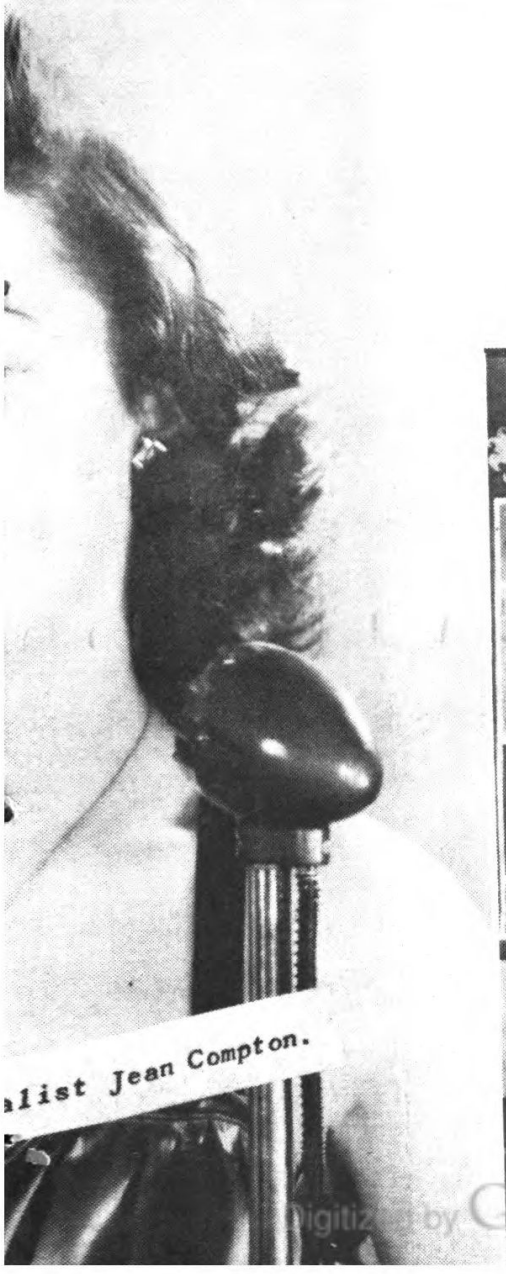
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Virginia Delaney reads the future for Burtt (for another $5).



"Give me HEEEE flat!"

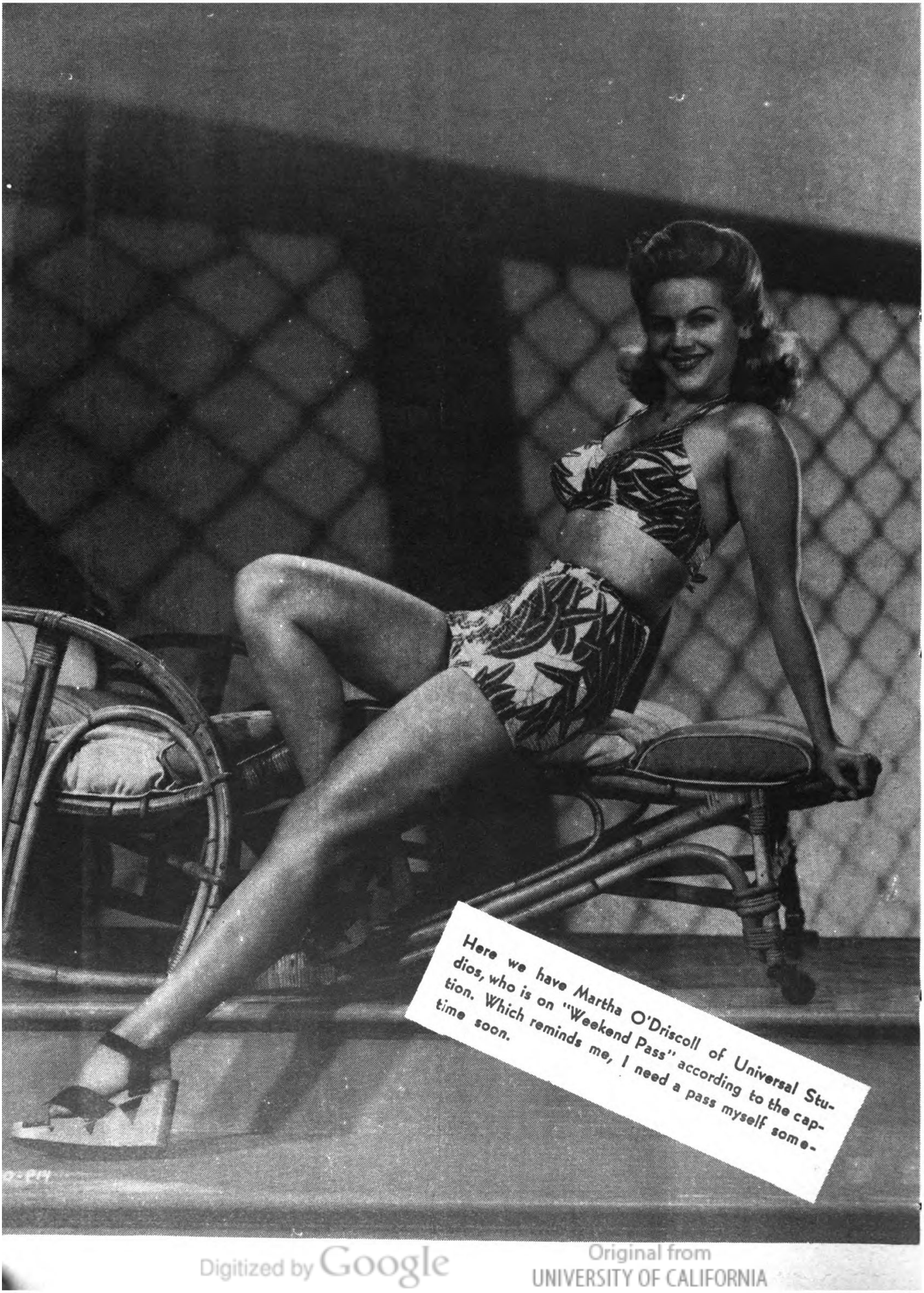


alist Jean Compton.



The screen was good, too.

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P-X NEWS

We just want to tell Special Services that the PX Barber Shop is not a "clip joint." If it wasn't funny we would get insulted.

Mrs. Evelyn Herron, our amiable cashier in the Sub-Depot Lunchroom, has lost a bracelet that was a gift from her husband. She would appreciate any information as as to its whereabouts. It's a silver bracelet with a gold wing—so please, call the PX if you know anything about it.

Last Saturday was a gala day for our civilian workers even if it was raining. All civilians who had worked for us for six months or more received their merit badges in the Post Theater, and they really deserve them, especially the little gals who dish it out behind the fountain.

Never to be forgotten sights: S/Sgt Jeff Blowers walking backwards into a PX tree.

"Tiny" Ulledalen all dressed up to go places still wearing his PX apron.

Lt. Esther Margot sprawled in the mud in front of the taproom.

Lt. L.W. Trevvett riding in the station wagon over to Headquarters, forgetting he took it, and walking back to the PX.

A G.I. Definition

"Morale?" said a brave Cockney in a play about the London blitz, "Morale is a dirty French word and I never use it at home." Combat crews of the AAF show equal contempt when some amateur general three thousand miles from war defines morale in terms of heroic speeches and that mythical thin red line of heroes dashing against the cannons with happy cheers.

The honest soldier knows that war is a laboroius process of breathing interrupted by curses. A good fighting outfit grouses and bemoans its nasty job. War is hell. G.I. Joe is too tired, too wet, too cold for poetic blather about the sanctity and dignity of his mission.

What then does he mean by the word morale? Why, good sirs, morale is the shivering in a slit tench and the will power that moves you when a sergeant yells: "Air raid's over. Come on, we got planes to patch!" Morale is the flinching of flesh when the flak bursts bloom too thick—and the voice that says: "Fly on!" Morale is the well-timed corny joke before the take-off.

Morale is friendship—man for man—when the bomber crew has to be ditched. Morale is loyalty to the crew, to the combat team, to the squadron. Morale is fear overcome; panic fought down. Morale is the second pass at Focke-Wulfs when cloud cover beckons temptingly— the long sweat home on three engines—the turning back to protect a limping comrade. Morale is all these desperate, unseen, unsung triumphs of Man's spirit conquering Man's fierce lust to live.

Morale is love—love of comrades, love of home-folks, love of country—passion seldom admitted and rarely expressed. But greater love hath no man than this grumbling, grousing, cursing devotion of G.I. Joe's.

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

Albuquerque, N. M. (CNS)—City Manager Charles Walls has asked the OPA for ration points to buy meat for the city's rats. The meat will be poisoned, he added.

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97th Softballers Show Talent

Drawing heavily on Wisconsin and Indiana boys, M/Sgt. Ralph B. Hare, manager of the 97th softball team, is hoping for a banner year in the Spring sport.

He'll have T-Sgt Bob Graper and S-Sgt Chet Jacobsen. both of whom played high school and college ball, and S-Sgt. Goat Gorst, who has had independent experience. These Wisconsin lads play infield, utility and outfield.

S-Sgt. "Shipwreck" Kelley, the smallest man on the squad, is plenty fast. He is from Indiana, as is Sgt. Chet Shaw who is an experienced pitcher. He has played in several independent leagues and in school.

From Washington is Sgt Roy Stoy and Cpl. Virg Bode, infielders, while Kansas contributes Cpl. Bob Van Gundy, team captain who has had high school and independent league experience. Also a Kansan is Cpl. Gimp Gimple, catcher, who has a fine arm.

Sgt. Johnny Hayes of Idaho, the first sacker, has plenty of games behind him, while Sgt. Mark Prewitt of Missouri has American Legion ball on his playing history. He too is an infielder.

Cpl. Stoop Bracken will be stopping the hot ones at third, while Pvt. Red Brunner of Arizona also is trying out. All of these men have played high school ball, and some independent league games, according to M-Sgt. Hare, and the 97th will be in there pitching for the title currently held by the Q. M.

79TH COLUMN

By DRY MARTINI

After many months of thinking we had the best area on the field, last Saturday's inspection proved our point. For the benefit of those who were not informed as to who won the highest merits, including area, barracks, orderly room, day room and supply—well! You're right, the 79th took all, making us the honor squadron of the week. Take a bow, gang.

In spite of the downpour (California's liquid sunshine) our Saturday's parade was led by the honor squadron (79th). The dry run was held on Friday, the wet run was Saturday. Including yours truly, who was Wet Martini for a change. Soaked to the skin, chilled from the cold, all did a grand job in making the parade a success.

Sgt. Jerry (Guess vot is I) Halpern raffling a .22 rifle. Here's hoping the winner has as good luck hunting as Jerry had selling.

S/Sgt. John (Whiskey John) McGinley trying to keep in step in marching . . . it's left, right, left, right, hut two three. Get it, John?

Pfc. Carl (This is my last one) Smith trying to press the rain from his blouse. Doing a high faluttin job until he burned a hole in one sleeve.

Keep 'Em Rolling

It seems that a few days back one S/Sgt. from the Ordnance Department flipped and lost in a three-way match for coffee and doughnuts. Ordinarily that would mean three coffees and a half dozen doughnuts, but this S/Sgt. managed to talk one man out of his pair of doughnuts. Being unable to convince the third person that he shouldn't have doughnuts, he did compromise and bought only a pair, and then shared those! We thought it was being pretty cheap but nothing more than a razzing could be given. So, two had one, and one had none, but we did all have a cuppajava. When questioned about it, this reporter was informed that this one S/Sgt. had no money. We know that isn't true, for he was seen late that night with a blonde cutie on his arm, and she was taking him for all he had, and more.

The Motor Pool doesn't seem the same since Frank Gerome left for furlough. He became ill while at home and is now at the Marine Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Hurry up and get well, Frank, the gang misses you.

"Smiley" Themann is pretty much disgusted these days. He finally managed to get a three day pass, but came down with a slight case of ptomaine poisoning and had to stay in bed.

Orchids to Sgt. Edwards of the 52nd for being so good to the Motor Pool gang.

New Deadline . . .

Contributions to the "Flyer" must be in the hands of the editor not later than Tuesday at 1730 in order to be published the following Saturday.

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Capacity Audience Sees "The Payoff"

"The Pay Off," Chico's latest all-soldier show, played to a capacity audience last Tuesday night at the Post Gym, and paid off with numerous chuckles throughout.

A lot of hard work was spent by producers Burtt, Watson and Hightower building sets, the clever front curtain, and drapes around the stage for this production, and "The Pay Off" was by far the most elaborately planned soldier show presented here.

There were lighting difficulties, however, and during the performance the PA system went haywire, but all in all the cast withstood all handicaps and carried out a fine performance.

An opening overture was played by the "corny' band directed by Cpl. Julius Small. The players entered wearing raincoats, and after an individual personal inspection by Conductor Small, when they disrobed they were left void of clothing other than G. I. woolens, which got the show off to a riotous start. I might add that the overture was played like no other overure was ever played before. Pfc. Bob Krupp was the "corn" vocalist and sang something or other posed on a pedestal before the audience as the "Hercules of the Silver Voice."

Following the overture the curtains parted to a well rounded out variety show with jitte bug "shake dancing" by Pvt. Max Day of the 52nd Squadron, comedy bits throughout the show with Cpl. Wilson Burtt. Aubrey Hightower, M. C. Sgt. Bill Farrell, Miss Eldrith Grage, and fortune teller Virginia (fifty dollars) Delaney. Oh yes, that was S/Sgt. Irving Steinberg who chased pretty Miss Gladys Crowder back and forth across the stage during the show, that is, until S/Sgt. Earl Hoffman won Steinberg's affections from Gladys.

To round out the show there were vocals by Miss Helen Poore, torch singer Jean Compton, Pfc. Judd Cooper, plus a specialty with vocals by the entire band. The fine music played by the Wings of Swing for the show was under the direction of T/Sgt. Carl Modell.

Washington (CNS) — Charles Meyers, of Baltimore, an overnight visitor, couldn't find a room in overcrowded Washington. So he spent the night in a Japanese cherry tree.

San Francisco (CNS) — Herbert Fleishhacker was feeding Puddles, a hippo, at the city zoo when he slipped and fell into Puddles' private pool. He escaped after Puddles bit him on the nose.

At the Post Library

"SOUND OF AN AMERICAN"
By DAVID ORMSBEE

Despite the multitude of words written about the current conflict there are few books to compare with the classics of the last wa —"All Quiet on the Western Front," "Farewell to Arms," etc. But one of the few is David Ormsbee's "Sound of an American."

It is the story of an expatriate American music critic who is caught in France at the outbreak of hostilities. Enmeshed in the red tape of French officialdom, he is drafted before our own State Department can come to his rescue During the halcyon days before he is marched off to the war, he met a young pianist. The central theme of the story is his pursuit of this girl, their love for each other rising and falling with the fortunes of war. Variations on the central theme are concerned mainly with the emotional conflict between the American and French backgrounds, and the eventual triumph of one over the other.

Although Ormsbee is a born story-teller, his greatest talents lie in description, characterization, and his utterly frank style. The beauty of the Riviera and the sordidness of battle are handled with equal facility, and the author has a way of describing both Paris and the provinces with such a clarity that one can smell the produce in the Parisian markets and hear the wind blowing through the poplars of Provence.

This story of love in the midst of conflict, though an old one in the history of literature, is handled so as to make "The Sound of an American" timely, gripping, and fascinating reading.

THE COVER . . .

Four uniforms worn by feminine components of the Army and units working in conjunction with it at CAAF are pictured this week.

Left to right are Lt. Vesta M. Arnold, Air Wac, 1st Lt. Arline Zitttrman, Army Nurses Corps, Ruth McRoberts, American Red Cross staff aide, and Gertrude M. Wenzel, WASP.

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Fightin' Tenth

Cpl Sanford Sindell

Men of the fighting 10th are still talking about the heavy down-fall of rain last Saturday morning before and during the review . . . It was all taken in good spirits. Post Headquarters looked like a cyclone had hit it when the soaked soldiers reported back to work after the parade, dressed in a heterogeneous mixture of whatever they could borrow to wear for the rest of the day, and it was really out of this military world.

LOVE CONQUERS ALL: In spring mens' fancies turn to love, and this is the case of S/Sgt Richard L. Hutt who is romanticipating in a big way and will walk down that narrow path to the alter April 25 with Miss Dorothy Dixon the pretty stenog who works at the Billeting office. Good luck and happy landing! Cpl Wilbur (curly) Hawthorne, of the Message Center was discovered polishing a solitaire the other day. Can he be falling in love too? A toast to love: Here's to love, the only fire against which there is no insurance.

Sgt Don Fales who puts in his time at the Post Sergeant Major's Office says he received a letter from Cpl Lloyd (Lend Lease) Lytle, former 10th man now stationed at Pecos, Texas. Lytle writes that at Pecos they have daily inspections in the barracks and that it is plenty rough. He also adds that he is laid up in the hospital there with that same old stomach ache still hanging on. Hope you feel better soon, Lytie.

HERE AND THERE: T/Sgt Charlie Kidd. erstwhile classification expert met some of his old 10th cronies this week and it was sure a good old fashiond reunion . . . They made the rounds together and the net results were a lot of fun and a lot of headaches. S/Sgt Jeff (droopy pipe) Blowers the PX pusher, is busy dolling up the place with newly painted walls, which makes the coffee bar a better place to pep up before work (and plenty of people make it a daily habit.) Note: I know, I've been there too.

Sgts Horace Josiassen, Delbert Dahl, and Cpl Kendall Kimber, bakers, are talking about babies and baby clothes because they are all three expecting bundles from heaven soon.

Even a supply sergeant has his moments. Overheard around supply this week . . . Sgt Bill (hardboiled) Ferrell—"Well, speak up there, how do you want your uniform, too big or too small? That, my friends, is how misfit days were born. Incidentally, Bill Ferrell did a fine job as M.C. in that superfine soldier show the other night entitled "The Pay Off." Cpl Wilson Burtt (Special Service Showman) did a big share of the work involved to make the show what it was, and deserves a vote of thanks for putting over a dandy job in a big way. That about winds up news around the 10th for this week, see you later.

Air WAC Answers

Q. Do the Wacs overseas include Air Wacs?

A. Yes. They're in many operational jobs, with the 8th AF and the 12th AF, for example.

Q. Are there many Wacs overseas?

A. There are about 3,000 Wacs (many of them Air Wacs) overseas when Col. Oveta Culp Hobby reported on her recent ETO tour. Africa 2,000, Italy 360, others in England. Other announcements have mentioned Wacs in New Caledonia, India and Hawaii. Col. Hobby said, "We have not enough Wacs in England yet," predicted Wacs would follow an invasion as soon as lines are established and field establishments set up."

Q. My sister says that she wants to enlist for oversea duty. Can she?

A. No definite promise can be made to any recruit, enlisting for duty with any branch, that she will, or will not, go overseas. Recruits may be advised that "Their preference for foreign or domestic service should be stated by them at their training center classification interviews, and that it will be accorded all practicable consideration." Many Wacs already in the services have expressed a preference for overseas duty.

Q. My wife is a Wac. How can she and I get our furloughs at the same time?

A. Naturally, no one can give any guarantees, but the WAC does its very best under an established policy—in writing—that Wacs married to service men "will so far as practicable, be granted leave concurrently with that of their husbands." It will help, if you have advance notice of an impending furlough, to have your wife make her application as far in advance as possible.

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AIR HEROES of the WESTERN FLYING TRAINING COMMAND

A GRADUATE OF ONTARIO and STOCKTON

CAPT. THOMAS G. LAMPHIER, JR., RESCUED HIS MARINE CORPS BROTHER FROM JAP TERRITORY NEAR GUADALCANAL IN AN EPISODE THAT READS LIKE FICTION---

COMBAT MISSION C
LAMPHIER LEARNED
BROTHER HAD BEEN F
DOWN IN JAP WATERS

HE MANAGED TO BORROW A CATALINA AND A PILOT FROM THE NAVY TO SEARCH FOR HIM-

THE 'CAT' FLEW INTO THE JAP-INFESTED TERRITORY HUGGING THE WATER WHILE THEY SCANNED EACH ISLE--

AFTER MANY HOURS HE SPOTTED THE MARINE WAVING FROM AN ISLAND BEACH DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO THE TEEMING JAP AIR BASE-

PADDLING ASHORE THROUGH SHARK INFESTED WATER IN A RUBBER BOAT HIS BROTHER GREETED HIM WITH; "WHAT THE HELL TOOK YOU SO LONG?"

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Follow the War While Having Coffee, Donuts

The P. X. has been invaded by the Orientation Department of Special Services. Lt. Jerry Berkson, Base Orientation Officer, has installed a prominent display of maps and battle fronts of all the foreign theaters of operation. The display covers the full length of the lattice work, separating the fountain and counter from the merchandise section of the P. X.

The display is so arranged that you can eat food or drink your refreshments using the tray stand as a rostrum while tracing out the news on the war. S/Sgt. Jeff Blowers has undertaken to keep the boundaries up to date and to change outdated items for the latest in news on the course of the war. The Orientation display has been received with enthusiasm by all who have seen it.

Hard Ball Team Gets Shot In the Arm; Trims High School

Chico Army Air Field's hard ball team received another boost last week with the addition of Cpl Glenn Vaughan of the 79th, brother of the Pittsburg Pirates' and Brooklyn Dodgers famous Arky Vaughan, and himself a sweet ball player.

In the team's first practice appearance, he slammed out a triple as the CAAF nine defeated Chico High School 7-1 on the prep diamond Friday. And he looked good around second base also.

Pfc George Gregory of the 953rd, who was holding down shortstop for the winners, also was good for a three bagger.

Manager Charley Henson used three pitchers and three catchers in an effort to give all of his aspirants a good workout.

Pitching were Del Harmon, Charles Honors and Nick Decker, while Dick McGlennon, Bowers and English worked out behind the plate.

Also making his debut with the CAAF team was Lt. Lynn Everson, another infielder who has played plenty of ball.

And so it looks like a tremendously improved team over that of last year. Memorial Park has been improved, and there will be some snappy baseball played there within a few weeks.

USO Comedy Show In Gym Tuesday

Tuesday night Chico Army Air Field G. I.'s will be treated to another comedy revue for which USO Camp Shows are famous. It will be held in the post gymnasium at 2000 and families of military personnel are welcome.

Title of the snappy show is "What Next" and the top billed entertainer of the show is Jack Waldron, comedian and monologist who emcees the production and works in and out of all the acts as well as having one of his own. This is his second tour with USO shows.

And then we have the Three Tones, whose pictures are shown in the pinup section in the back of the Flyer. You'll not only like their looks, but their sweet swing numbers.

If you like juggling and tricky hoop spinning mixed with plenty of comedy, Taylor Trout and Mickie, the Jesting Jugglers, should fit the bill. They've been together on the boards for 25 years.

Paul McWilliams and his beautiful partner Connie, who floats through the air with the greatest of ease and deception, have been written up in Ripley's Believe It Or Not, as the man who can keep four golf balls in his mouth at one time and who can make dishes jump from one table to another.

Their outstanding performance was at the Chicago World's Fair.

A routine called Dance Tapics of the Day is developed by Johnny Curtis, who starts out with a sophisticated ballet number, and then slowly gets mean and hot, giving with all kinds f steps which appeal to the service man. He owes his theater career to Fred Allen, who discovered him in Boston.

Various dance numbers ranging from tap and boogie to hulas are done with equal skill by Miss Paula Peiry, an attractive brunette who wears dazzling costumes. You should see much of her.

First test of the law which requires a firm to rehire a drafted employee after his release from the service was decided in favor of the soldier recently in a Kentucky court action. In this case the discharged soldier spent more than three months before being rehired, sued for back pay for the period, and won.

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FAF Commander Gets Legion of Merit

Major General William E. Lynd, commanding general of the Fourth Air Force, of which Chico Field soon will become a part, has been cited for award of the Legion of Merit.

His citation reads:

To: WILLIAM E. LYND, Major General (then Brigadier General), U. S. Army, 6696 32nd Pl., N. W., Washington, D. C.

FOR. Exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Commanding General of a Bomber Command, from June 25, 1942 to November 10, 1942. Under his direction and in complete cooperation with the United States Navy, the Bomber Command conducted long-distance searches daily while still maintaining maximum readiness for immediate striking duty in case of necessity.

During this time, numerous organizations and casual individuals received from the continental United States were processed, trained and then transferred to more active combat zones. The efficient handling of these units and individuals in preparation for combat with the enemy was made possible to a very great degree by the tenacity, careful planning, sound military judgment and unselfish devotion to duty exhibited by this officer.

He participated in many combat missions with the various elements of his command in all areas of the Pacific in which it operated, including a personally led photographic reconnaissance flight over enemy-held Makin Island, which was up to that time the longest over-water combat flight ever conducted by B-17 aircraft. The high degree of leadership, extraordinary fidelity and untiring energy displayed by this officer were a constant inspiration to the personnel throughout his command and materially contributed to the successful accomplishments of the missions of the Bomber Command over a widely dispersed area.

At the same time the War Department announced citation of Brig. Gen. Russell E. Randall, deputy commander of the Fourth A. F. for the Legion of Merit in connection with his work in the Air Defenses of the Panama Canal.

Brooklyn (CNS)—Isidore Weinstein was fined $3 on a speeding charge for scorching along the Coney Island boardwalk—on a bicycle.

Stars & Stripes Writer Is Former Local G. I.

News of former CAAF men in the European theater of operations continues to come in.

S/Sgt. Harold Chadwick of special orders section has received a letter from S/Sgt. O. L. (Ref) Refsdal, formerly of this field and now in England. The letter was headed "In Spamland" and told of seeing an article in the newspaper Stars and Stripes by Pvt. Joe Stanger, another ex-CAAFer.

Pvt. Stanger, who took part in the paratroop invasions of Sicily and Italy, used to sell war bonds in enlisted personnel section here.

S/Sgt. Refsdal tells of seeing someone he knows in practically every part of England, although he doesn't mention whether or not they were former soldiers from this field.

Pvt. Stanger is a unit correspondent for the Stars and Stripes, which is called Stars and Gripes, and writes exclusively of the paratroopers.

War Room Improvements Aid Battle Study

Several improvements have been added to the War Room on Fourth and C Avenues, which will make easier following the campaigns in the various theaters of operations.

For instance, there is a detailed large scale map of the Russian and Balkan front, with an accompanying commentary by a military writer each day.

There is a terrain map of the Burma-India theater where the heavy fighting is going on now, showing the difficulties of a large scale campaign in that mountainous jungle country.

And then if you're interested in the Fourth Air Force, and who isn't—there is a diagram and map showing all of the bases and sub-bases in the command, together with pictures of the commanding general and his staff.

Drop around in your spare time. It will be well worth it.

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. ENGINEERS .

We dedicate the column this week to Ruth E. Miller, Resigned—inasmuch as she herself has supplied us with the material with which we shall fill the meager space alotted to us. In the event the space provided for us is not enough, we feel sure that the editor and the column next to us, will be more than glad to contribute a share of their space for the printing of her literary masterpiece!

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RUTH E. MILLER, RESIGNED!

1. I, Ruth E. Miller, being of sound body and mind, do hereby bequeath the following articles to parties and persons named.

2. I leave all personal belongings in my desk to Mrs. Norma Rubke. The songbook is left in hopes that she will be able to teach Mrs. Lykins the art of singing. I leave her also, my most prized possession, my desk. Should it at any time become infested with termites, she is requested to contact the proper authorities, so that they may be exterminated. The termites referred to above, are those inside the wood, not those who are wont to sit on the desk.

3. I leave my ability to swear at the stockroom to Wanda Beachell and Mrs. Rubke. Sgt. Ryan has proved to be an enviable instructor.

4. To Jean Lichty, I leave my share of HER rest room. She needs additional rest and with my share, I hope that she may again catch up on her sleep.

5. To Doris Townsend I leave my ideas that usually end in an office prank.

6. To Jennie Truesdale, I leave Doris. I feel that being so near to her, she may be able to care for her as well as I have, and will try to keep her out of mischief.

7. To Mrs. Eileen Seifert I leave my hurt feelings.

8. To Jean Hobson I leave my thanks for giving me the daily news.

9. To Beulah Hamm I leave my gratitude for the use of her phone for off post calls.

10. To LaVonne Pick I leave some of my height.

11. To Kay Broman I leave my thanks for all the assistance she gave me in getting my leaves, transfers, bonds and pay checks.

12. To Sgt. Morgan I leave Norma. Care for her and don't sit on her lap more than four hours a day.

13. To the office as a whole, I leave, to be with my husband.

14. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of the entire office force, at different intervals even though they may not have known it, on this he 14th day of April in the year of our Lord, 1944.

Signed, Ruth E. Miller (Stinky)

G.I. Bill of Rights Now Pending

Men in the armed services are keeping their eyes fixed on the $3,500,000,000 G. I. Bill of Rights measure which has been passed unanimously by the Senate and is being considered by the House of Representatives.

The measure provides "broad benefits for millions of veterans of World War Two" and is expected to be in the President's desk soon. It was believed the plan would get a warm welcome in the House.

The Senate passed the measure recently 49 to 0.

The bill provides virtually every suggested aid to veterans of this war except adjusted compensation (bonus) payments. So anxious were some of the senators to be recorded in its favor that the congressmen insisted upon a roll call.

In addition to a flat authorization of $500,000,000 for new hospital facilities, the measure carries benefits for men and women of the Armed Forces estimated to cost an additional $3,000,000,000.

They include:

Govenment-paid education of from one to four years to any veteran (depending on length of service), estimated to cost $1,000,000,000.

Unemployment compensation payments of $15 a week for 52 weeks out of a 24-month period, estimated to cost another billion dollars.

Loans up to $1,000, free of interest for the first year, 3 per cent thereafter, for the purchase of homes, farms and small farms or small businesses.

A veterans' job placement service.

Designation of the Veterans' Administration to administer all of its provisions under a status as a war agency.

Mrs. LaVonne Pick is expecting her husband, Howard home over the weekend. He was formerly stationed at this field, and is now at a field in Tonopah, Nev.

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Fightin' Tenth

By Cpl. Sanford Sindell

According to facts and figures soldiers of the Fightin' Tenth proved that they possess superior skill in marksmanship of the carbine rifle when they went out on the Bidwell Park firing range last week. Four groups of thirty men each went out in the mornings and afternoons of Wednesday and Thursday, 12 and 13 April.

High scorers among the Tenth experts with the carbine were Pfc. Terry Altman of Special Services and Cpl. Kendall Kimber of Base Mess, both of whom drilled the target to a fare thee well and a tally of 189 . . . next highest was Sgt. E. A. Bauer of Weather with 187; Guy L Smythe had 182, while Sgt. Jack Nuttall, S-Sgt. Del Harmon and Cpl. E. J. Parenteau each had 181 . . . others making expert were T-Sgt. John Bowmer, Cpl. R. L. Brown, S-Sgt. Gerard Buikema, Sgt. Horace D. Josiassen, Sgt. N. B. King, S-Sgt. John Mahin, Sgt. E. A. Moen, T-Sgt. D. W. Pedersen, Sgt. Joe Ptacek, Pvt. M. M. Shields, T-Sgt. W. E. Spoonemore, Cpl. J. E. Thompson, Pfcs. I. L. Stilwell and J. L. Sullivan . . this list includes only the first two days of firing. Less than half of the squadron remains to shoot.

Special salute to Colonel Jesse L. Crandall, our C. O., who went out with the afternoon group on Wednesday and really showed 'em how to hit that old bullseye. Out of a possible perfect score of 200, Col. Crandall topped all previous scores with 186! . . . When he was through firing, the whole bullseye section of the target was chewed out. Brother, that's some slick shooting, and I don't mean perhaps . . . I know, I had trouble hitting the target, let alone the bullseye!

BUZZIN' AROUND: Seen last Friday night rolling around the Brown Bear roller rink in Paradise were: S/Sgt. John Mahin of the File Room, Sgt. Ruddy Stener of the Finance Department, T/Sgt. Bob Harrison, S/Sgt. Gerard Buikema and Sgt. Gene Ogle of the Personnel Section. Harrison was quite a sight, trying to balance 287 lbs. on a tiny pair of roller skates. They had a lot of fun, but S/Sgt. Buikema had the most trouble keeping his eyes off the lovely ladies present and himself off the floor at the same time. Sgt. Paul Helman off to Pennsylvania for a frivolous furlough

78th Notes

By J. R. HAINES

As I write for this week's issue, I'm sure of a party for the boys and their wives or girl friends to be held at the Oaks Hotel. I can imagine it will be an enjoyable affair. As for what kind of time was had by all, will be in next week's issue. I will give out then with the description of the party.

Pfc. Lunn is back in the orderly room after his return fom fulough, which was spent in Floida.

Several of the boys spent their three-day passes in San Francisco. Cpl. Ungaretti and S/Sgt. Gorden expressed a good time. Yours truly and Jim Roberts were there also. While there we ran into Cpl Marker and Pvt. Gilbertson.

WANTED! The second page to "The Letter to Gertie." Any information as to the whereabouts will be greatly appreciated. If found, please notify Barracks T-119.

BARBS

As the Allies step up the tempo of the war, more and more German generals step down.

The Japs now know there's no chance of pulling down the American eagle and having a lark.

Bring on the summer. The more beautiful the moon, the more gas will be saved at parking spots.

It is reported from the South Pacific that Jap flyers no longer exhibit the desire to die. So sorry, but this doesn't fit in with our plans.

The boys on the line are sweating it out as to what kind of planes we will be working on and when.

I noticed some of the boys with rank doing a little marching last Tuesday. It seems they were too good to turn out with the other fellows Monday for the dry run for the retreat we stood Tuesday.

Think I'll sign off for this week. See you next week. I hope.

Don't Forget Deadline!

Squadron columnists, attention!

Don't forget the Tuesday deadline for columns. Several groups slipped up in this respect in the current issue. Let's get on the ball, fellows, it will help the boys in the print shop who work voluntarily at nights, and the editor, who already has lost his hair from worry.

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97 Per Cent of Band Qualifies With Carbine

To the 533rd AAF Band goes the honor of having the highest percentage of its members qualified in the carbine firing now in progress among CAAF personnel. Also, the bandsmen qualified 53 per cent of its personnel as experts, truly a fine record.

The boys attribute their scores to hours of painstaking dry run practice with the weapon during the week previous to their record firing.

Cpl. Kenneth Cooper was high man for the 533rd, with 186, while Sgt. Joe Bender and Pfc. Judd Cooper had 180 each. T-Sgt. Carl Modell had 178. Two men were hospitalized and failed to shoot, and only one man who fired failed to qualify at least as marksman.

There's one outfit which should be able to pay its freight, come the invasion!

"Letters to the Editor" dealing with military subjects have been banned by the War Department (WD Cir. 111-44). However, letters to home town papers on non-military subjects do not require approval, according to interpretation.

Keep 'Em Rolling

Everyone is happy today! Sgt. Themann just informed us that he bowled a 268 game. That, we think, establishes a record for the CAAF alleys. Perhaps we can nab him this afternoon and have him treat to ice cream; it isn't very often we cn get him to feel so good.

Barbara is all aglow! She just received word that her intended-to-be is on furlough and on his way to Chico. Do we hear wedding bells ringing???? Cupid is working double time around here. Won't be too long before a certain S-Sgt. starts walking down the aisle to say "I do."

Note to the 2053rd Ordnance: Since being walloped by the 909th Q. M. we understand that you are about ready to drop out of the league. Perhaps, after three years of playing ball together you may be able to have a team similar to that which beat you. It is a lot of fun playing though, isn't it? After all, 26 to 1 isn't a bad defeat for the first game. We'll meet again.

SIGHTS TO BEHOLD. Sgt. Quinlan and Cpl. VonWald spreading dirt in front of the QM office; quite a change for "Quinine"; he's been used to spreading the bull.

MOTOR POOL GOSSIP: "Romeo" Parascondola on three day pass and has sneaked off to his favorite hiding place. Frank Gerome still in the hospital and would very much like to hear from the gang; his address can be found in the dispatcher's office. Most of the fellows have been busy hauling dirt to help beautify the lawns on the post. Pfcs Ward and Lee busy figuring out ye old budget for their weekly jaunts to Oroville. (What are you going to do when you get through painting??) "Porkchops" Hill prodly displaying a new pair of sun glasses. We've been wondering if Pvt. Dudley has collected his insurance from the Mexican government?? Some day one of Collier's girl friends will trip him up good. He has the best line around, but the day will come and he'll find himself trapped. Sgt. Dawson working away on the steam cleaner, wondering when it will start working. Sgt. Perkins unhappy because he lost a bet on the QM-Ordnance game.

Ballots of soldier voters overseas will be airmailed free of charge back to officials of home states in the coming elections and postal officials have orders to expedite this mail.

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Soldier Voting Procedure Outlined

Members of the Army of the United States, within the continental limits of the United States, are eligible to vote in accordance with a new Federal voting law. The law provides for voting both by supplementary Federal ballot, and also by State absentee ballots.

Supplementary ballots may be used only in the general election in November and are not available for any other election, whereas on the other hand State absentee ballots may be used (in accordance with State laws) in primary, special, and general elections. Soldiers are not restricted to the right to vote in accordance with the law of the State of his voting residence.

GET POST CARD

Within the United States not later than 15 September 1944, the army will deliver to each soldier and each attached civilian a post card for use (to the extent permitted by State law) in making application for a State absentee ballot for the general election in November, 1944. The army will also make available to soldiers information received from the Commission as to the dates of primary, special, and general elections.

Oaths on these post cards and applications will be administered and attested by commissioned officers and noncommissioned officers not below the grade of sergeant. No one may influence any member of the armed forces to vote or not to vote for any particular candidate, but free discussion regarding political issues or candidates for public office is not prohibited.

Post card applications, State absentee ballots and envelopes, and Federal ballots and postage, including air mail postage, in the envelopes are to be transmitted free of United States mails.

Soldiers who desire to vote by State absentee ballot at a primary, special, or general election and who are unable to vote there in person should proceed in either of the following ways.

Apply to the commanding officer for a post card. Fill the card out and have the signature certified by a commissioned officer, as provided by the card. Instead of application by post card, a soldier may apply for such ballot by letter, in which he will include his full name, serial number, and a complete military mail address. Next, mail the post card (air mail postage free) or letter to the Secretary of State at the State Capitol of the State of voting residence.

MAIL BALLOT

When a soldier receives his state absentee ballot, he should immediately execute it in accordance with the instructions received with the ballot. After his voter's oath is taken and attested by an officer, the next step is to mail the executed ballot (and oath, if on a separate paper) in the envelope received, air mail postage free, to the addressee shown on the envelope or named in the instructions

Some exceptions to the above ruling exist as prescribed by the law requirements of certain States. A soldier who is uncertain as to his eligibility to vote by State absentee ballot should immediately inquire by letter to the Secretary of State of his steps he must take to register, pay poll or State voting residence as to what, if any, take any other measures concerning soldiers vote and he will receive complete particulars.

There you have the soldiers' vote picture, men. Let's carry it out, and sustain the democratic way of life!

THE COVER . . .

So long, Mister!

Here are the last cadets to leave Chico Army Air Field, just about ready to climb into the trucks which will take them to advanced stations in the training command.

Take a good look; you won't see this scene again at CAAF.

Chapel Services

23 April 1944

CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800; Confessions at 0730.

Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning worship, 1000; sermon: "One Fold and One Shepherd." Special music by M/Sgt. Harlow Ranton, baritone.

Dwight E. LaFollette, Chaplain

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79TH COLUMN

By DRY MARTINI

GREETINGS! This is your scribe returning from his three day pass, and I do mean three wonderful days. I certainly hope that all members of our squadron enjoy their three day passes. Here's hoping we have more of them. How about it, fellows, do we want more?

Feature of the week: Insurance . . . buy now . . . what's a couple of dollars? You'll only spend them sooner or later. Has it ever occurred to you, that insurance is really a savings. It's a bitter blow to those who spend foolishly. It's a bitterer blow, to those back home who wait and wait for someone that may never return. At least consider those. they'll know we were thinking about their future. (Boy, if this don't get me another three, day, nothing will!)

And now with a little dirt . . . thanks to a certain young miss from—— ah, wouldn't you wolves like to know. She's cute. Mmm!

Cpl. Sousley has been seeing buying cokes for the steno in B.A.M. Careful, Sousley, rumors do travel far.

S/Sgt. Dapper Dan Davis is having quite a time trying to determine which of the office girls he answered by saying, "yes, honey," when paged to answer the telephone. That's one way to get the girls to blush, isn't it?

Among those who like a good laugh is Sgt. Don Dresser, who tells humorous jokes to the office personnel. How about throwing some our way, Don?

Arriving at the office after our past parade was S/Sgt. West, who unconcernedly pulls off his water soaked shoes and socks, placing them directly in the front door. We all know you were marching, too, West.

Sgt. Dechene was lucky enough to get a three day pass, but not quite lucky enough to obtain gas for his car. Is your influence giving out, Dechene?

Now that Sgt. Paulson is back from furlough, we hope he is in fairly good shape to do a slow roll at the Oaks bar. How about it, Brush?

Coming to aid two maidens in distress are M/Sgt. Roberts and Sgt. Russ, who willingly take turns about escorting two office girls home at nights, when no rides are available. Careful there!

Until next week, that's all there is, there is no more.

52nd Column

I'VE SEEN HERE!

By PVT. HARGRAVE

I would like to ask a question for the forgotten men of the 52nd. Why can't we have dances again in Sacramento like we used to do it? It would be swell. Think it over, Special Service.

Don't be surprised to see eleven men on our softball team this season. Because Pvt. Fantroy's legs are so bowed we'll have to have a man covering him while the game is in progress, picking up those through-the-leg balls!

Pvts. Coote and Jones are anxiously awaiting the day when they hear these words: "For excellent service above, beyond and (below) the call of duty, after 18 months of service, you will be promoted to the rank of Pfc."

To the men who formerly worked at the Cadet Mess, these words have been wisely spoken; "The pen is mightier than the sword, and the mouth is mightier than the two."

And to the new men in our squadron goes a hearty welcome. We are certainly glad to have you members of our organization. Maybe you haven't heard about the shortage of girl power here—it's true, so like myself, stand by for a Section VIII.

Some Air Force Enlisted Personnel May Now Transfer to Infantry

Anyone who is in a fighting mood and feels that there is not enough of it in the Air Forces now can do something about it.

For any enlisted man in the continental U. S. who is under 32 years old and physically qualified for overseas duty may volunteer for duty and assignment with the Infantry.

But there are a few exceptions, mainly technicians peculiar to the Air Forces, which are listed in War Department Circular No. 132, 1944. Transfer will be made in grade.

Anyone wishing to transfer to the infantry may apply to the Adjutant General, through channels, giving name, grade, age, ASN, organization and MOS.

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Sgt. Themann Sets Bowling Record

Hottest bowler on the post this week, or any other week, is Staff Sergeant Jake Themann of the Motor Pool, who established an alley record of 268 Tuesday noon. It beat the long standing record of 267, set up several months ago by Aviation Cadet Ed Gorsky.

S/Sgt. Themann rolled three spares, and then settled down to business with nine straight strikes.

At Your Post Theatres

SATURDAY, 22 APRIL

JAM SESSION

Ann Miller-Jess Barker

SUNDAY & MONDAY

TAMPICO

Edward G. Robinson-Lynn Bari

Army-Navy Screen Magazine
Paramount News

TUESDAY

THE WHISTLER

Richard Dix-Gloria Stuart

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

FOLLOW THE BOYS

ALL STAR CAST

Paramount News

FRIDAY

WEIRD WOMAN

Lon Chaney-Ann Gwynne

P-X NEWS

There is no day like Mother's Day;
There couldn't be another—
Because in every loving way,
There's no one else like Mother!

Just a sample of one of our Mother Day cards. Mother's Day is 14 May this year, and a little remembrance will do a lot to make Mother happy. The PX has a fine assortment of Mother's Day cards. Come in and take a look at them.

Our initial shipment of swimming trunks has arrived and are on sale in the clothing department. The way the weather has been acting lately it looks as if you'll use them to swim from one building to another.

Jeff Blowes, the Fountain King, would welcome any suggestions on hot weather foods and drinks. Would you like salads, lime rickeys, deviled eggs?—let us know.

At the Post Library

"GOOD NIGHT, SWEET PRINCE"
by Gene Fowler

As perfectly as words can do it, Gene Fowler has told the story of John Barrymore. But words alone can scarcely reproduce the unparalleled range between Barrymore's achievement and acclaim and his humiliation and self-torture. Such flights of wild and reckless passion, such scenes of heroic debauchery, such moments of matchless artistic triumph should be played behind lights, in rich costume, and to the accompaniment of the full orchestra. Barrymore's life was neither comedy nor tragedy; it was grand opera.

The author respects Barrymore too much, however to apologize for him; he admires Barrymore's talents too much to pretend that those talents were so often thrown away. His subjec was a great man, and while that does not necessarily mean that he was a sensible one, it does mean that in the hands of such a writer as Fowler he becomes the hero of a moving and engrossing human history.

There is a great deal of humor in "Good Night Sweet Prince"for Barrymore was a wit and he consorted with his peers.There is a satisfying amount of the theatre in it, for it spans the period from the great figures of Johh Drew and Maurice Barrymore to the golden streets of Hollywood in itss most spectacular era.

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97th News & Views

By Sgt. CHARLES A. HELMER

With the Cadets gone and the flying business practically at a stand still, members of the 97th are busy beautifying the Squadron area. NCO in charge of details is T-Sgt. Del Pino, who I might add is doing plenty O. K. at the job . . . S-Sgt. Provan is now a Toolman first class with yours truly being first assistant . . . one of the better shovel and rakemen is Sgt. Jack Ingle who swings a mean shovel . . . Sgt. Campbell was heard to remark: "When you find a worm you can stop and go fishing" . . . supervising construction of a drainage system in front of the orderly room was Sgt. Cox . . . the job of pushing the rock cart was in the capable hands of Sgt. Dave Sultzbabch.

The baseball team looks very good in the practice games to date. They were slightly edged out by the Medics in the last practice game but they now have the weak spots all ironed out.

Word was received the other day from Cpl. Phil Jones who is now stationed at Keesler Field, Mississippi. He is training with an Emergency Rescue Squadron and writes that he likes it fine.

The hospital has not yet seen the end of the Sudburys. Our orderly room S-Sgt. Jay R. was released on 15 April after a 14-day bout with the mumps. Two days later his wife, Louise, replaced him in the hospital with, guess what . . . mumps.

I wonder who the strange girl friend is that calls Pvt. Bruner at the day room at nights. How about a little dope on the subject, Bruner??

Those squadron members who recently applied themselves so energetically to G. I.-ing the orderly room floor may be held somewhat accountable for the subsequent necessary replacement of many worn strips of lumber. In particular, Pvt. Mortensen made deep inroads into the soft wood with his powerful circular movements of a GI brush.

F/Sgt. Bailey is back at the old grind again after a furlough. He tells strange stories about race horses, jockeys, and something about betting on the wrong nag.

"The straw that broke the camel's back" is certainly the phrase that could apply to Sgt. Tatosian. 'Tat' applied for a three day pass the other day and he didn't go to Redding! . . . So long.

"Bombardier" On At USO Tonight

Tonight's free movie at the USO in Chico will be "Bombardier" starring Pat O'Brien and Anne Shirley. It will be held at 7:30, following the buffet supper. Next week it will be "Scarlet Pimpernel" with Leslie Howard.

All service men and their wives are invited to both the buffet supper and to the movie.

Other USO activities include the regular Thursday Broadcast dance in Memorial Hall at 8:30, and the formal dance scheduled for tonight has been inefinitely postponed until the proposed changes take place at the field.

Service men are reminded that the USO is in a position to held them secure housing and employment for their families.

Lt. Ivan Walsh Stationed At Clovis, New Mexico

Lt. Ivan V. Walsh, formerly a staff sergeant in personnel section of headquarters, now is stationed at the army air base, Clovis, New Mexico, according to a letter received by 1st Sgt. Carlton L. Kuchinski of the 10th.

He said that although he never thought the rocks of CAAF would look good to him, he gladly would trade with anyone to be back here. He added that Clovis is a field even newer than Chico, and that things are pretty much helter skelter at the present time.

He reports that M/Sgt. John Mortensen now is sergeant major of an air field in England, and sends his greetings to all of the 10th.

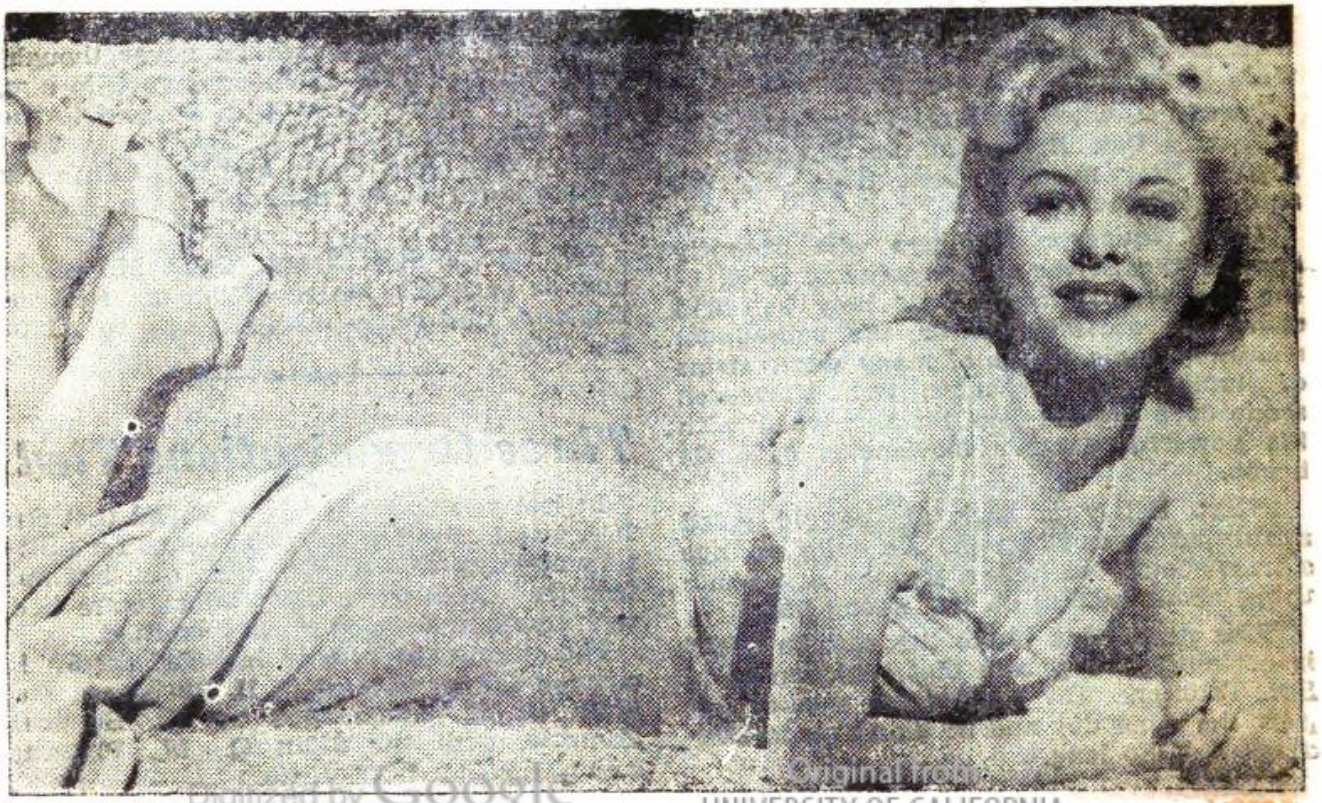
Three Organizations Tied

In last week's Flyer it was stated that the 10th was in third place in judgings for military appearance, records, area, etc., but the fact that three other organiations were tied with them was inadvertently omitted.

The other organizations included the 52nd, commanded by Captain P. H. Buchanan, the 909th Q. M., commanded by Lt. Bernard Zamzow, and the 970th Q. M., Platoon, commanded by Lt. Ratliffe.

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☐ We again present the Flyer pinup section for your approval. On the opposite page, top, are the Three Tones, a dulcet vocal trio you will hear Tuesday night at the post gym, and ,lower, is Hollywood's idea of Milton Caniff's gorgeous creation, Lace. We hasten to add that we like Marjorie Reynolds. the gal in question, but prefer Lace. And right below us is Leslie Brooks, featured in "Jam Session." Take a look and say no more.



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Take the Leaden Penny

Take the leaden penny, boys;
'Tis a flyer's pay—
Nimble lads who stayed at home
Are clinking gold today.
"I have seen Calcutta gleam
Forty miles away,
I have known the golden dream
Of Carthage and Cathay;
Flying into Cairo field
A-waving to the girls,
The moon rose up and hit me
With a saucer full of pearls!"
Climb the beanstalk skyward, boy;
Keep the pilot's tryst—
Sober men who walk up stairs
Wed the girls you've kissed.
"I could wed before I'm dead
One of eighty-nine
I have met, to my regret,
From Guad to Caroline;
Flying to Karachi's drome
And checking stars above
I met a Flying Fortress
With a lifetime full of love!"
Don't you miss the frolic, boy?
Flyers soon grow old—
Shrewder feet now trip the dance
For which your Youth was sold.
"I will go to Alamo,
Bloody as of yore;
I will hear the Yankee cheer
Upon Tarawa's shore;
Flying bold across the earth
Aflame to Freedom's story,
I'll keep a tattered chartbook
With its pages full of glory!"

(From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory")

Medics, Q.M. Are Softball Winners

Softball's practice season here got into the really serious stage last week when two contests were played on the Diamond Match diamond, one of them under the lights.

In a twilight affair the Medics trimmed a fighting 97th 4-3, while the champion Quartermasters swamped the 78th by 15-3 in an after-dark affair. Ray Mootz and Monte Manus of the winners poled homers to deep center in this contest.

Turner and Felix were on the mound for the losers, while Murry and Ruben handled the winning pitching assignment.

Bruner pitched for the 97th in the well played first game, while Olinghouse and Mlocek were the Medic batteries. It was the first game for the 97th outfit, and Manager Ralph Hare expressed himself as being well satisfied with his team's showing.

Other practice games are being held in preparation for the opening of the regular season on 15 May.

Air WAC Answers

Q. Is the Air WAC a separate organization?

A. Actually, there is no such organization as "the Air WAC." All Wacs are members of the Women's Army Corps—the WAC. Those who are assigned to duty with the Army Air Forces are known as the Air Wacs. There is no military component of that name. Nor do recruits "join the AAF." They enlist in the WAC (the Corps) and are assigned to duty with the branch, in this case the AAF.

Q. Can enlisted Wacs become officers?

A. Every qualified member of the WAC has an opportunity to compete for selection as an officer candidate, any time after she has completed three months of active service. Taken into consideration are written and oral examinations, record as an enlisted woman, and qualities of leadership as judged by commanding officers.

Q. What jewelry may Wacs wear?

A. Wedding, engagement and signet rings; wrist watch; identification bracelet.

Q. Some Air Wacs say they got an AAF assignment by asking for it, others say they took their chances. Why is that?

A. Originally, assignments of WAAC personnel were made without reference to individual preferences for the various branches. Now enlistees may request, and be recommended for, duty with the Army Air Forces, the Army Ground Forces, or Army Service Forces.

Chicago (CNS) — Larry Klein asked the court to cut his alimony payments from $15 to $10 a week. When the judge asked why, Klein replied that he needed the extra five dollars so he could conduct a courtship —with his former wife.

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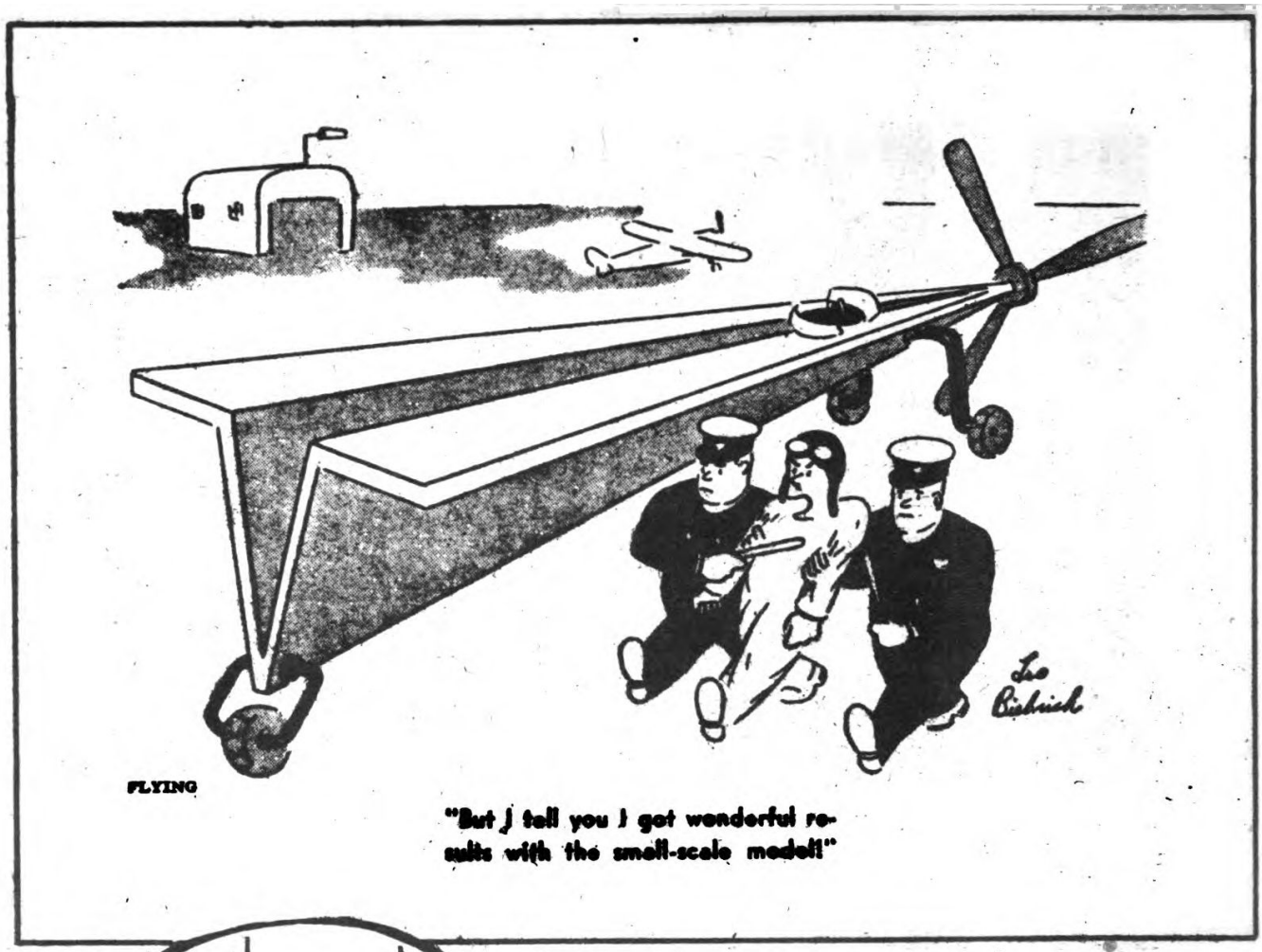
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FLYING

"But I tell you I got wonderful results with the small-scale model!"



"I don't understand it, Captain. Every time I bend my elbow, my mouth flies open."



PVT. FRANK DAHLGREN
Eglin Field, Fla.

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You're In the Fourth Air Force Now

At midnight Monday Chico Army Air Field passed into the jurisdiction of the Fourth Air Force, and Tuesday morning single engine fighter training was underway.

Under the direction of Colonel A. W. Tyer, new commanding officer, reorganization began immediately and is still in progress. However, there was little loss of time as most of the field's departments buzzed with activity in completing the changeover.

The air vibrated with speedy fighters instead of the old BT's and there were hundreds of new faces on the post. Some were new officer students, many were new instructors and others were G. I.'s here from various Fourth Air Force installations.

The familiar circular AAF shoulder patch was being replaced by the shield of the Fourth Air Force, and the names of old familiar squadrons were replaced with letter designations.

Incorporated into Squadron "A" were all the post overhead personnel, including the old Tenth, 97th, 953rd Guard Squadron, Quartermaster, Finance, Orndance and Signal, under the command of Major L. V. Call.

What was left of the old 78th, and the personnel of the former 327th Fighter Squadron stationed at Marysville, have been combined and designated Squadron "B" with Major J. W. Freeman commanding.

The nucleus of the old 79th and the 329th Fighter Squadron from Concord have formed Squadron "D" under Major Robert L. McMullin.

The old 52nd and the 970th QM Platoon have been grouped into a unit designated as Squadron "C", under the command of Capt. P. H. Buchanan. The Medics now have become Squadron "M", but the 533rd AAF Band remains witnout change. Officer trainees are grouped into Squadron "T", under the command of Major James Martin, former commandant of cadets.

Other squadrons have been designated to function with skeleton personnel at subbases. Squadron "O" is assigned to Oroville, Squadron "P" at Marysville, and Squadron "N" at Redding.

Watch next week's Flyer for sketches of some of our new officers and men.

78th CLOSES OUT IN BLAZE OF GLORY!

By J. R. HAINES

Last week, if you recall, I promised to give a description of the final 78th party —well, it was held at the Oaks Hotel with fine music by some of the Wings of Swing, and plenty of refreshmens.

Two war bonds were given away, with Major Freeman and Cpl. Repogle officiating . . . the first winner was Pvt. Evon, and the second number drawn was by Major Freeman himself . . . he wanted to refuse the bond on the grounds that he was doing the drawing, but the squadron wouldn't allow it.

Dancing was from 2030 to 0030, and every one expressed satisfaction with a fine party. In fact, you can quote me as saying that it was the finest, most well behaved party I have ever seen or heard of at this field . . . thanks to all those who handled arrangements for the event and to the members of the outfit who put it over.

Last Saturday the outfit was led on a bivouac by Major Freeman and Lts. Lamb and Howell. The CO demonstrated many methods of protecting one's self in combat. I'm sure all of us were taught a lot of things we may someday have to use.

I wonder what happened to Jack Johnson the other night at the party . . . he was having a very nice time when all of a sudden he disappeared . . . how about it, Jack?

For a man who has sworn off women, etc., etc., F/Sgt. Anderson was beaming all over with a lovely one in his arms at the party.

Greetings to the new men from the Fourth Air Force from the boys of the former 78th. May we soon know each other better. We'll show you we are right guys even if we have been in a training command. How about it?

Enlisted Wacs will soon be issued summer worsteds for off duty wear instead of the usual khakis, according to a recent War Department ruling. They will continue to wear khaki on duty.

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Squadron A News

By Sgt. CHARLES A. HELMER

This being the first column from the new Squadron I will try to hit upon the high spots as I see them because it probably would take a good sized book to write everything I see and hear.

The Old 97th really closed everything with a bang as they had a tremendous party at the Oaks Hotel this past Monday night. The beer and food was really swell and plentiful, and everyone seemed to have the best time ever enjoyed at a 97th party. The beer appeared to be most popular, and several outstanding G. I's, namely S/Sgt. Provan, Sgt. Hayes, Sgt. Campbell, Sgt. Littrell and Cpl. Ryser were seen to return a number of times for refills. Sgt. Dave Sultzbach really does know how to pick his ladies as Sultz turned up at the party with "one gorgeous dish!" First Sergeant Bailey really does a good job at leading a little close harmony.

The former 10th also closed things with a bang as they held forth with a party at Fairburn Hall on the Saturday past. Everything was fine, and the beer really did flow. T/Sgt. Holt seemed to have a swell time, as he was all smiles as he boarded a bus in front of the USO to make his return trip back to camp. S/Sgt. Bill Carah semed to have gotten along O. K., also because a little bird told me he had mentioned the fact that it was a swell party. Supervising everything and doing a swell job of it was First Sergeant Kuchinski. The very capable job of master of ceremonies was handled by Cpl. Burtt.

Sgt. McNally received his certificate of proficiency in basic training the other day and he promptly framed same and now it hangs on the wall over his bed . . . kinda proud of it, Mac??

Cpl. Shaffer really does have a swell voice, and everyone can hear same if they care to drop by the barracks when Shaf's in the shower. I still haven't decided whether it is the Frank Sinatra type or more on the Nelson Eddy side but I will try to get it classified.

It's kinda good to be one big happy family again, and to be around a lot of fellows you used to be with, so maybe next week I will have a little more detailed description of events that take place here in the new but mighty Squadron A.

Civilian Employees Assn. Hard Times Dance Tonite

All civilian employees who have a yen for the light fantastic should plan on stepping out to the Civilian Employee Association's hard times party for all members and guests tonight at Fairburn Hall.

Refreshments will flow in plenty, and the only requirements for entrance is to refrain from dressing up.

Wanna Play Ball?

Interested in playing baseball or softball?

Any newcomers to the field are invited to try out for the post hard ball and softball teams. Any one interested is asked to see Lt. Guglielmino or Cpl. Henson at the post gymnasium, or to call them at Ext. 243.

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Ten Hard Ball Games Scheduled By Post Team

Chico Army Air Field's hard ball team, which for a few weeks this Spring was a little afraid that it couldn't find any competition, now has plenty of it.

Ten games already have been scheduled, including one four game series with Camp Beale, with two here at Memorial Field and two in Marysville.

Two games have been lined up with Mather Field and four with Merced Army Air Field.

Manager Charley Henson said that efforts are being made to line up the opening game next month with the Marysville Giants, a civilian team on whcih several Camp Beale soldiers play.

Practice games were played this week with Chico and Red Bluff High Schools. The post team already has swamped the prep school nines.

The schedule thus far.

May 20—Camp Beale at Chico; May 21—Camp Beale at Chico; June 3—Merced Army Air Field at Chico; June 4—Merced Army Air Field at Chico; June 10—Camp Beale at Marysville; June 11—Camp Beale at Marysville; June 15—Merced Field at Merced; June 16—Merced Field at Merced; July 9—Mather Field at Chico; July 20—Mather Field at Sacramento.

Sub Depot Softball Team Out for Higher Bracket

The Sub Depot softbball team, to be known this year as the Clippers, are planning on gaining a lot of ground over their position in the final standings last year.

For at the end of the 26 game season in 1943, the Sub Depot lads were tied for the bottom rung, and they don't want that to happen again.

Ray Martin has been named manager, and Ray Bally and Buck Shaull have been appointed co-captains. Bally, softball followers will remember, is the gent who did some great pitching only to lose many games through lack of support.

This season the Depots have been working out daily in an effort to smooth over their work in the field. A practice game with the old 97th has been tentatively scheduled for Monday night.

As yet none of the postitions are cinched, and a call for more candidates has been issued.

Among the players out for the Sub Depot team are:

1st Lt. Charles Campbell, Captain Oscar B. O'Neill, Lt. Philip Brodzinsky, Lt. Lloyd Williams, Buck Shaull, Remy Bally, Les Jensan, Bud Reynolds, Art Boggs, Lyle Wroe, Curley Rowe, N. E. Ward, Jim Frankman, Tom Martin, Roy Morgan, E. J. Keltmer, Del Fransden and George Moore.

Pitchers will be Bally, Tom Martin and Frandsen.

Half Way to the Sun, Or Two Years of Training at CAAF

It's a long way from here to that flaming ball known as the sun, and it's even a terrific distance half way there.

Especially if it's done in a BT-13.

But instructors and cadets of Chico Army Air Field have done it—over a period of slightly less than two years during the life of CAAF as a basic pilot school.

Authorization to make public approximate figures on the number of students trained and hours flown was given last week and we unearthed the following startling figures:

There were over 5000 pilots trained in the basic phase of their course since the opening of the post in April, 1942, and over 350,000 hours have been flown by our basic trainers.

And that's about 45 million miles, or half way to the sun.

Exact figures are not available on the number of decorations received by graduates of Chico Field, but the number already runs into several hundred. And our boys are just getting started.

Mitchel Field, L. I.—Two sergeants were seated in the gym lockr room here when they were approached by a recent inductee. "May I come in?" he asked meekly. "Sure," said the sergeants. "But," the kid said, "the sign says 'Enlisted Men' and I'm only a draftee."

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Oddessy of the Q.M. Or, One Block North

By "PETER"

The Q. M. lads have vacated their apartment on 2nd St. and moved to their summer residence a block farther north. Our new billet is very nice. The former occupants left us a beautiful little victory garden upstairs. McFarlane took a peek in one of the non-com rooms only to find it was being shared jointly by two Poland-China sows and a Shropshire ram. We'll have to make more changes than a fashion at a fashion show. The washroom is literally infested with cockroaches who evidently had run things pretty much as they pleased. The largest of the lot, whom we shall call Croesus, was apparently unmindful of our intrusion and displayed an admirable spirit of cooperation. Croesus and his charges transported all of Robbie's personal effects upstairs and in return were promised a free hand in the washroom after 2100.

The Good Book sayeth: (I'm inclined to believe it refers to Oborne) He riseth up early in the morning and disturbeth the whole household; mighty are his preparations. He goeth forth full of hope; and when the day is far spent he returneth smelling of strong drink—and occasionally of fish. And the truth is not in him.

Mike Holzer insists that a certain little dove in town is mad for him. No point in doubting his word. She's the first gal I've seen that was frothing at the mouth.

Van Housen took a spin with a newly-commissioned officer recently who was carrying out exercises in navigation and discovering his geographical position with a sextant. After a series of involved and confused calculations he turned suddenly to Van and said "Take off your hat." "Why?" Van replied. "Because according to my calculations we are now inside St. Paul's Cathedral."

And there is the case of Holzer, our butcher, who accidentally sat on his meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

Things are really tough. It's like Liescheidt said, "Some days you can't lay up a cent."

At Your Post Theatres

SATURDAY, 29 APRIL
CRASH DIVE

SUNDAY & MONDAY
ANDY HARDY'S BLONDE TROUBLE
Mickey Rooney-Lewis Stone
PARAMOUNT NEWS

TUESDAY
CHARLIE CHAN IN THE CHINESE CAT
Sidney Toler-Joan Woodbury
—ALSO—
Wyoming Hurricane
Russell Hayden-Bob Wills

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
Her Primitive Man
Louise Albritton-Robert Paige
MARCH OF TIME
PARAMOUNT NEWS

FRIDAY
MOON OVER LAS VEGAS
David Bruce-Anne Gwynne

Maj. Hay Going Overseas

Major Raymond M. Hay, former C. O. of the 10th and later executive officer here, is headed oveseas according to word received by his friends , CAAF. Stationed at Marfa, Texas, for some time after leaving this post, he has left for a port of embarkation.

Fall City, Kans. (CNS)—Arraigned on a charge of not paying train fare, Arthur Fleem explained to the judge that he unintentionally destroyed his ticket by idly eating it while riding on the train.

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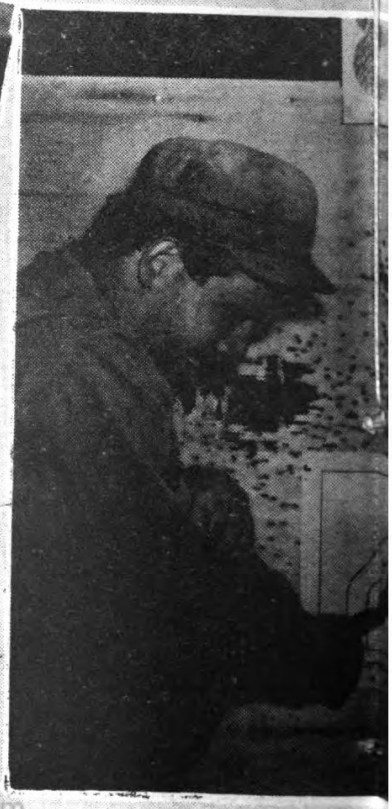
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Look out, S



Rifle range back seat driving.



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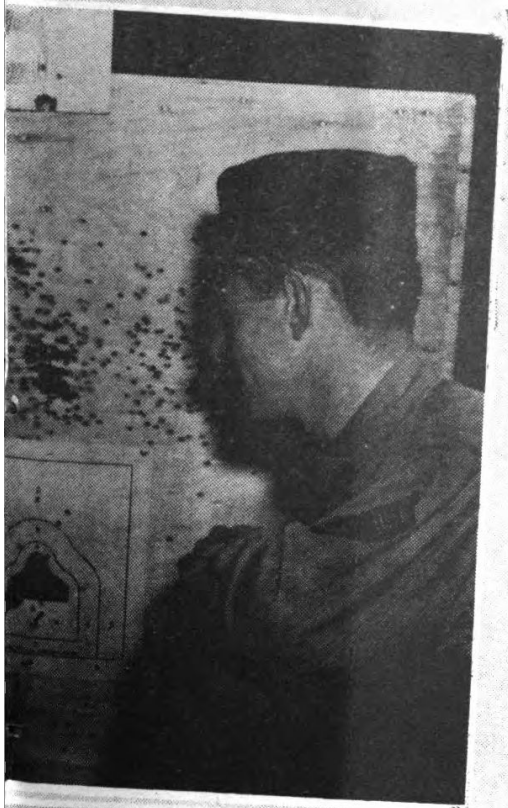
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rgeant, that thumb!



This is how it's done, fellows.



llseye is lonesome!



Clips have to be loaded, too.

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Major General William E. Lynd presents the Legion of Merit to Colonel A. W. Tyer, CO of Chico Army Air Field

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Tenth's Swan Song

The Fightin' Tenth bowed out in a fitting manner Satu day night with a huge party at Fairburn Hall attended by most of the brethern and graced by some of the finest refreshments concocted by the boys of the general mess . . . many of the boys present had been with the outfit since its activation back in 1942, with T/Sgt. Parker J. Harrington, one of the veterans, sort of taking things in hand . . . among the guests were Lt. and Mrs. James G. Chambers, former squadron adjutant . . . M/Sgt. Alfred J. Vancelette, oldest man in point of service with the outfit and his wife were there with the bells on . . . Sgt. Bill Farrell as dispenser in chief did a satisfactory job: we heard no complaints from his department . . . among the first to arrive were Sgt. and Mrs. Louis Kroner, and the wise guys say he didn't eat for a week in anticipation of the free eats.

The 10th has completed its carbine firing, with a sensational score of 190 probably the highest on the field thus far, racked up by Pvt. Oscar C. Mertz of the Signal Detachment . . . he has 30 bulls and 10 fours for some fine shooting.

By the time this is in print S/Sgt. Dick Hutt will be a married man . . . the girl in the case being the former Dorothy Dixon . . . also the Tenth will have played its opening softball game, the championship Q. M. ten being the opponent . . . incidentally, we could use a few more pl yers.

And then we have a special paragraph for Pvt. George Shaffer of the post office, who was seen around town for the first time in 22 months, so the boys of the outfit say. Pvt. Shaffer also was an interested participant at the squadron party . . . and greetings to Fightin' Phil Martin, back from furlough in Rhode Island, and without the little lady for a while.

THE COVER . . .

This pleasant, yet determined looking fighting man is your new commanding officer, Colonel Aaron W. Tyer, a graduate of West Point and veteran of South Pacific fighting.

He wears the Navy Legion of Merit, the Purple Heart, Air Medal, and Asiatic Pacific theater ribbon with two bronze stars representing major engagements.

The Army Chair Corps

Here we go, into the file case yonder,
Diving deep into the drawer.
Here it is, buried away down under,
The stuff we've been searching for.
Off we go, into the C. O.'s office,
Where we get one helluva roar.
We live in miles of paper files;
But nothing can move the Army Chair Corps.

CHORUS:

Here's a toast to the host of those who slave
With feet on desks so high.
To a friend we will send a message of the
Trials of the swivel-chair guy.
We type and file, and though we have no prop,
We're in a spin or else we blow our top.
A toast to the host of the men who coast—
The Army Chair Corps.

Here we go, into the file case yonder,
Keep the folders level and true.
If you'll live to be a grey-haired wonder
Keep your nose out of the glue.
Office men, guarding the Army's red tape,
We'll be there, followed by more.
With dictionary we're stationary;
Nothing can move the Army Chair Corps!

—Kelly Field.

Air Edition of YANK In Central Pacific

NEW YORK—In order to speed delivery of YANK, The Army Weekly, to isolated outposts in the Pacific, a miniature "Air Edition" is now being published in Hawaii. Though this small-size YANK is about 40 per cent smaller than the regular issue, its content is identical to the standard pages.

YANK's Pacific Air Edition is appropriately named. Every copy is flown to some distant part of the Pacific area. Because of its compact size and reduced weight, much larger quantities of copies can be transported by plane. Exact reproductions of all pages in the full-size edition are made and printed in a 7 3-4 by 10 3-4 inch format.

Los Angeles (CNS) — Mrs. Jennie Reese, who weighs 300 pounds, was gossiping over the back fence with a neighbor when suddenly she disappeared. The neighbor found her, unhurt, at the bottom of a long-forgotten well.

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Headquarters Softball Outfit Not Lacking In Players and Talent

The softball team formerly claimed by the Tenth (now we'll call it the Headquarters outfit temporarily) looks like it won't be lacking in talent this year and should be a pretty fair contender for the title.

Strongest point about the team is a snappy infield which needs a little practice to round out the rough points, but which should be a good smooth combination in a short while.

A good keystone combination is that of Sgt. Phil Martin at short and Sgt. Larry May at second, while at third is Ray Domroski, formerly of the Guard Squadron. Sgt. Bob Love, who is managing the entry, holds down first base in capable style.

A hard hitting outfielder is Sgt. N. B. King, who is flanked by Guilfoyle and Tippery, with Ed Sorenson seeking a berth too. Ralph Watkins and George Ryan are after the short field job.

Behind the bat is Pfc. John Kunovic, also a former Guard, and he looked good in his first practice game against Ordnance the other night. Pitching duties are divided among Pfc. Red Martin of Engineers, Fontenot and Tippery.

With a few more candidates anticipated this week, the Headquarters team should be right up there when the ballots are counted.

Keep 'Em Rolling

What a week!! Everyone is so busy and actually not knowing where they are going or why. The men are walking around with happy smiling faces, getting the opportunity to put into use the knowledge they received at the Motor Pool Drivers' School, and also to finally answer their thoughts of: When am I going to get a run past Chico? Now it's Marysville, two consecutive days Concord and Redding Airdromes to move to our local site. It brings back the memories of another day, when we were moving Moffett Field to what is now the Chico Army Air Field.

MOTOR POOL GOSSIP

Pvt. Ruben and Cpl. McGlennon back with us once again after that trip to Pendleton, Oregon, to pick up the ammunition that we are all so anxiously waiting our turn to use.

To return to our subject, after seeing three or four air fields on the trip, this local establishment sure was a sight for sore eyes on their return. Putting in a plug for our office staff that is hitting on all four cylinders these days. Gripes and groans, put out from our beloved barracks once again. Also, a certain feud on for the hand of a certain Red Bluff female. A little advice to two of our contestants, Pvt. Schmidtgall and Pvt. Hendrickson, all's fair in love or war and may the best man win. For our own curiosity's sake, we are wondering who holds the ace in the hole.

Looking at the brighter side of life, now is our civilian staff. One is with a far-away look in her eye—New Mexico, I do believe; the other is all a-dither with plans, ideas and figures. It all centers around a certain—let's make it interesting—you guess who. To finish our local gossip bureau, a very undecided corporal pondering whether he should tie the knot or not. You have only got until the first of May, Chubby—so get busy and find thhe solution. If you need any advice, see "Chaplain" Collier, otherwise known as "Mr. Anthony of the Motor Pool."

Aviation Squadron *I'VE SEEN HERE!*

By Pvt Hargrave

For cooks only—"Music soothes the savage beast" but I'll compromise with a square meal. For something classical how about (Chow)kosky in D middle!

And speaking of music, my peaceful dreams have been shattered. With two radios in the barracks, I have now a cross-dream between "Pistol Packin' Mama" and "I Couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night."

"Tell me, Pvt. Hargrave, what do you do in the Air Corps?" "Well, I er, I am, I do, well you see, I had—I cut grass, dig ditches and haul rocks." "But I thought you were in the Air Corps." "I'm grounded for the duration!"

They tell me I'm the second person to write this column, so that makes me (whisper) a second columnist!

Thank you for this week's applause — getting corny, ain't I?

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Major General Lynd Visits Chico Field

Col. Tyer Receives Legion of Merit

As several squadrons of new Fourth Air Force men stood at attention in mass formation on the parade grounds Thursday, Colonel Aaron W. Tyer, commanding officer of this station, was presented with the Legion of Merit by Major General William E. Lynd, commanding general of the FAF.

It was the first post review since the change of commands, and the first for many old timers here since donning the new shoulder insignia.

It was the first time that General Lynd had seen Chico Army Air Field, one of many new bases acquired in recent weeks by the expanding Fourth Air Force.

Major General Lynd, prior to making the presentation, spoke briefly to the assembled troops.

He said:

"I am very glad to be here, for two reasons.

"First, Col. Tyer was a member of the organization which I commanded in the South Pacific. Also a member of that organization was Col. J. C. Crosswaite, your wing commander. It gives me much pleasure to have these officers here for this occasion.

"Second, I am proud of the fact that such a fine field has become a part of the Fourth Air Force.

"We all are very proud of the Fourth Air Force, and I'm sure that you will be."

Major General Lynd was accompanied to CAAF by members of his staff, including Col. Crosswaite, Majors Walter Rishel, Betty Clague, WAC, E. G. Morrison and Lt. James Olson.

Commander of Troops for the occasion was Lt. Col. Jesse L. Crandall.

The award came to Col. Tyer as a result of "exceptionally meritorious conduct" in the performance of duty as the commander of a fighter group at Guadalcanal from 15 April to 25 July, 1943.

"Though not required to do so," the citation reads, "Lt. Col. Tyer flew as a pilot of a fighter plane and group commander on numerous bomber escorts, fighter sweeps and other combat missions. With keen initiative and superb airmanship he developed highly successful fighter tactics which under his personal direction resulted in the destruction of five enemy bombers. Largely due to Col. Tyer's excellent judgment and untiring devotion to duty his group established an enviable record for combat leadership and a high standard of cooperation with other units of a combined force drawn from various services, thereby contributing in great measure to the success of our forces in that vital area."

The Ex-79th

By DRY MARTINI

AND SO another week rolls by. And by now the 79th is no more. Regardless of what the new setup will be called, I'm certain our old spirit, of the old 373rd and 79th, will continue as always. Our job is to keep them flying, and with the help of our brother G. I.'s from Concord, Calif., we'll do our utmost to do our job. Here's hoping the Concord boys like our field better than we did Victorville.

The past week has been a very dull one, in fact if it were any dullar it would of been dead. But our old standby, S/Sgt. Henry Holland returned from his furlough, looking fit as ever and still able to keep the boys laughing with his dual personality.

Has anyone ever heard Sgt. Martin talking in his sleep? No? Well, the place is barracks 774, time 2330. The stories the tells; believe me, they're plenty good.

The winner of the .22 rifle was none other than Sgt. Freddie (Chriscola) Merritt, better known as Rifle Packin' Blackie.

Sgt. Wheeler returning from pass, has a new kind of stripes. Looks as if the Navy took a hand. Let's see that tattoo job, Wheeler.

As I said before, the past week was a very dull one. But I'm certain the next week will be boiling with plenty of news. Here's hoping it's not too hot to put into print. And so as this column goes to press, yours truly is getting ready for the 79th's party. May all of you be able to sing (Oh What a Beautiful Morning) the morning after, instead of (Oh What a Beautiful Hang Over)—have a good time, gang. This may be our last, for a long time to come.

'Bye now, see you next week.

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CAAF LOOKS GOOD To COL. TYER, NEW C.O.

Chico Army Air Field really looked good to Colonel Aaron W. Tyer, new C. O. of the single engine fighter training unit here, and when one hears of his background, the reason becomes much more apparent.

For Col. Tyer has returned to this country after three years and nine months foreign duty, including combat duty at Guadalcanal.

And when he returned early this year, it was the first time in two yea s that he had seen his wife, Helen, and two children. And Mrs. Tyer is very enthusiastic about establishing a residence in Chico, according to Col. Tyer. He himself says that one can really appreciate an assignment like Chico after being used to coral strips and cocoanut trees, and using packing cases from airplanes for houses.

The new commanding officer, who was graduated from West Point in 1935, has been awarded the Navy Legion of Merit, and the Air Medal for the longest over-water flight in single engine aircraft.

On this flight Col. Tyer commanded a group which has in turn been commanded by Major General William E. Lynd now commanding general of the Fou th Air Force, only 18 months before.

As a matter of fact, Col. Tye 's path crosed that of General Lynd many times during their respective tours of duty in the early days of the Pacific War.

While stationed at Guadalcanal when our holdings there included only a small area around Henderson Field. Col. Tyer pioneered in night fighting. Once during a combat mission he was severely wounded in the side, and then flew his P-38 home 150 miles on one engine.

Col. Tyer, who is only 32, said that Chico Field is ideal for that (single engine fighter) type of training, and one of the finest he had seen.

Hello, Fourth Air Force, From the Chico USO

HELLO FOURTH!

A free buffet supper will be served at the USO club this evening at 1815. All servicemen and their wives are invited to attend.

At 2030 an informal dance will be held in the club room. There will be plenty of girls for dancing partners. Those men who are married are cordially invited to bring their wives to this dance as well as to every other USO function. The music will be provided by the Wings of Swing dance orchestra.

WELCOME DANCE.

Planned in cooperation with the Special Service Office, there will be a "WELCOME FOURTH AIR FORCE" dance at the Field Gym on Thursday, 4 May. We shall provide the feminine attraction.

MOTION PICTURE:

The moving picture for this week will be shown on Sunday night at 2000 rather than on Saturday night as in the past.

Sunday, 30 April: "The Scarlet Pimpernel" with Leslie Howard.

Sunday, 7 May, your old favorite, "Gunga Din," starring Cary Grant, Victor McLaglen, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Joan Fontaine.

Don't forget the new movie time: Sunday night at 2000!

Chapel Services

30 April 1944

CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800; Confessions at 0730.
Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship at 1000; sermon, "Let Us Alone."

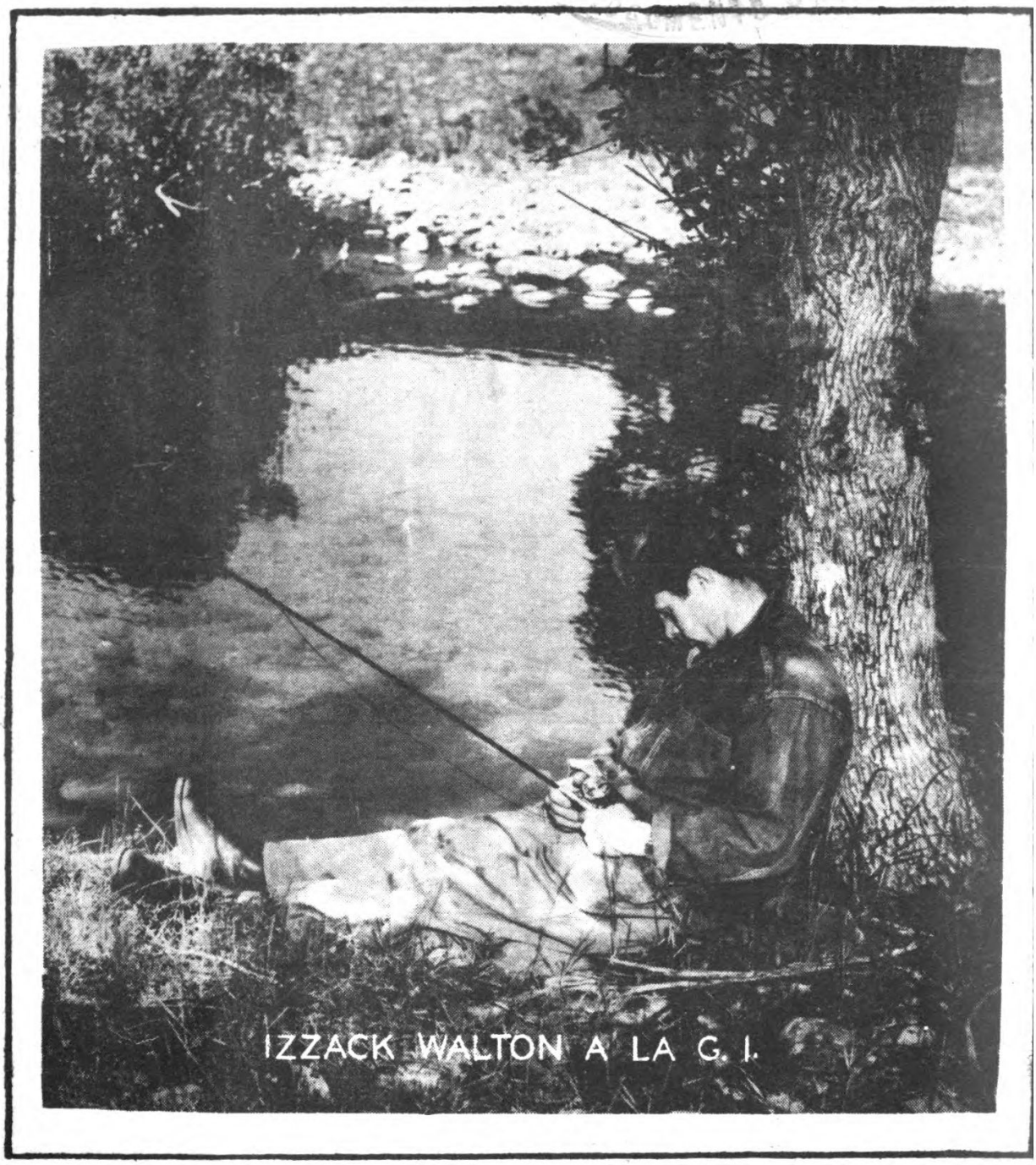
Dwight E. LaFollette, Chaplain

In labor elections, the NLRB has ruled that absentee ballots for collective bargaining elections will not be provided for employees in military service, but veterans returning to their jobs will be given the opportunity to "affirm or change" the bargaining agent selected in their absence.

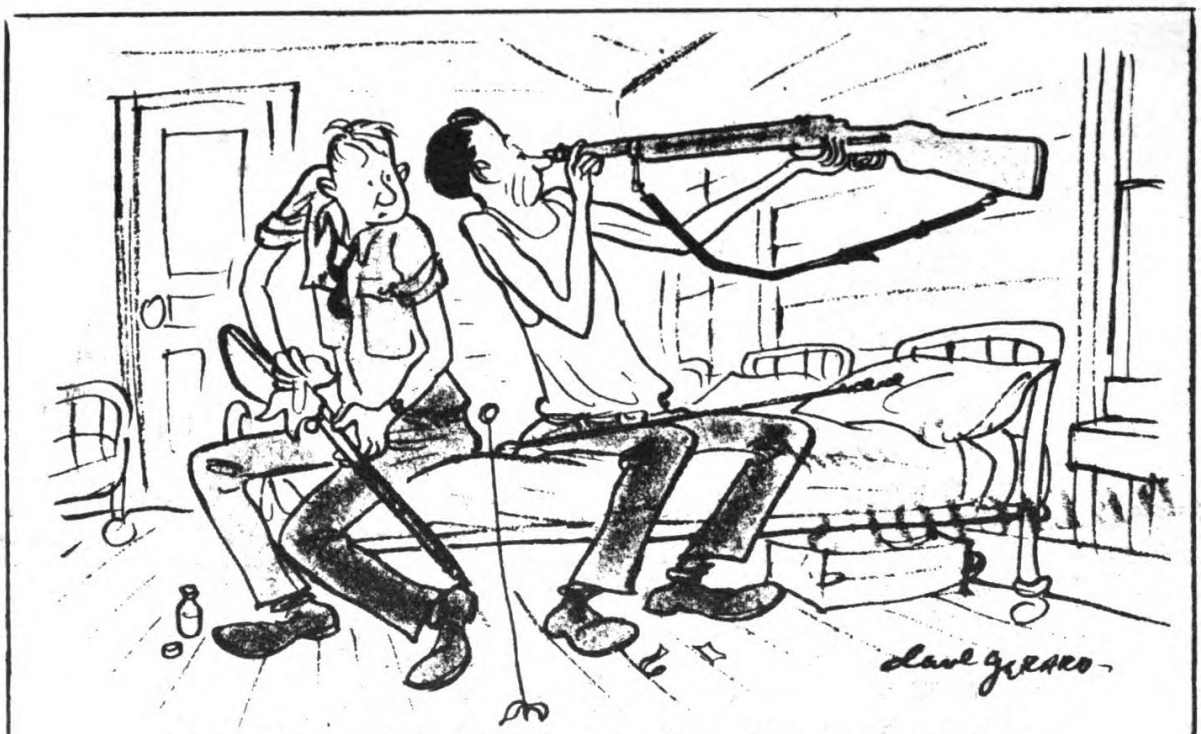
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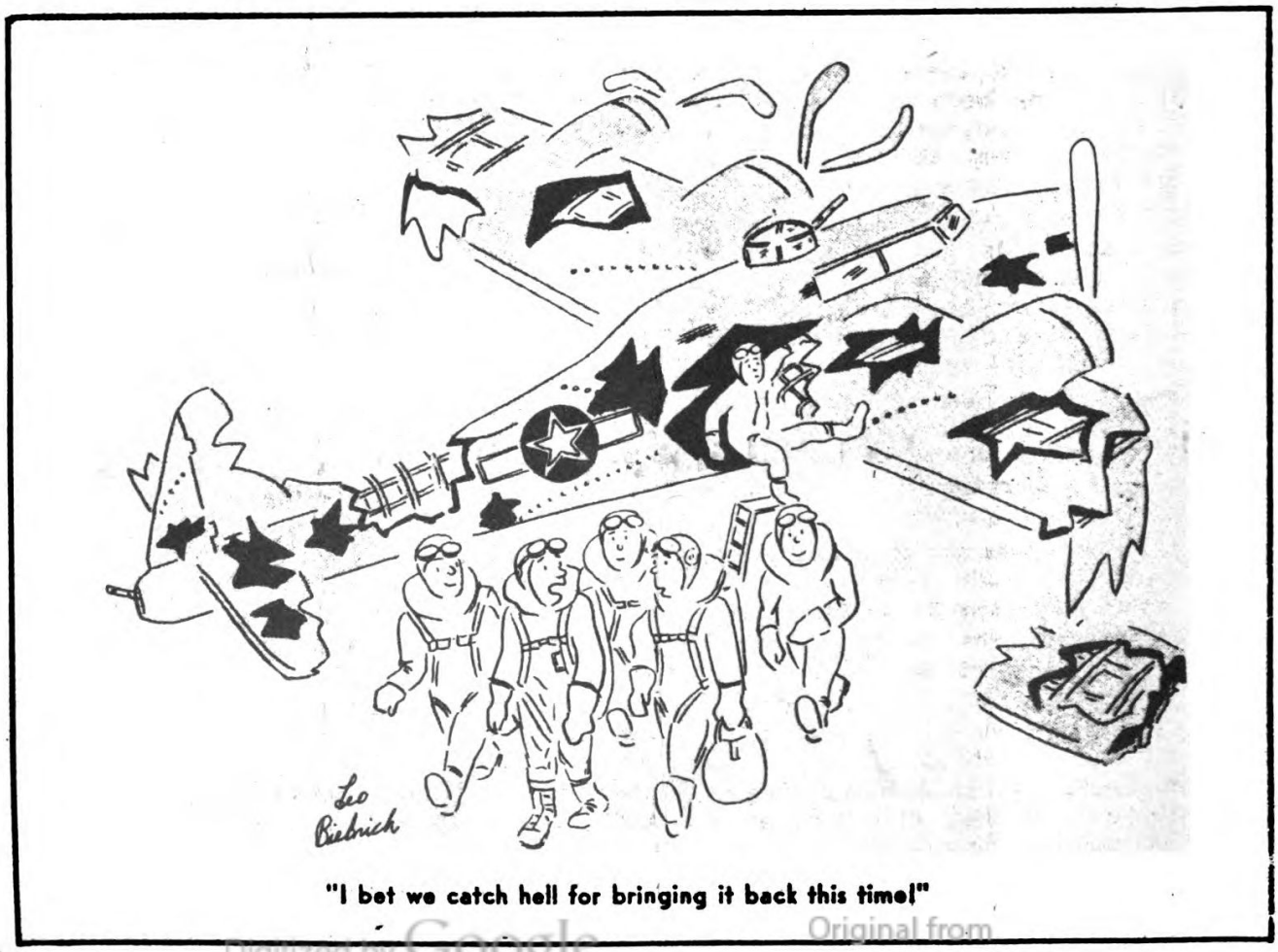
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"I'm getting worried I ain't normal! I concentrate on some dame like Gypsy Rose Lee and pretty soon my mind goes wandering off on military tactics and stuff like that!"



"I bet we catch hell for bringing it back this time!"

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Many Decorations Held By Instructors

Like their commanding officer, many of Chico Army Air Field's flying instructors are returned combat veterans, having been fighter pilots in all of the war's theaters.

Many of them wear a riot of ribbons signifying several decorations, and one, 1st Lt. Andrew J. Stephenson, has earned two British decorations with the RAF before entering the U. S. Eighth Air Force in September, 1942.

In addition he holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

Major Lawrence M. Kirsch of Altadena, Calif., deputy director of operations, was in Hawaii from May, 1941 until August, 1942, and in New Guinea from September, 1942 until December of last year. His decorations include the D.F.C. and Air Medal with three clusters.

A veteran in night fighter tactics is Major Ralph F. Jones, who was in a fighter squadron in the Hawaiian Islands at the time of the 7 Dec. attack and then went to the Solomons in March of 1943 with night fighters. He remained there until February of this year, having been there during the same time as his commanding officer at Chico, Col. A. W. Tyer. Major Jones holds the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and two stars on his Asiatic-Pacific ribbon.

And then there's 1st. Lt. Robin Hansen, whose father is a colonel in the U. S. Army, and who hails from San Francisco. He served in England and Africa, winning the D.F.C. and Air Medal with nine clusters.

Another instructor here is 1st Lt. Leonard P. Clark, who also saw flying service in Africa as well as in Sicily for a total of 15 months. His decorations include the Air Medal and oak leaf cluster.

China and India was the theater of operations in which Captain Hazen D. Helvey of Powell, Neb., won the Silver Star, D.F.C. an Air Medal. He was in combat for 22 months before returning to the U. S. as an instructor.

By way of extremes in climate, 1st Lt. Truman S. Barnes of Huntington Park, Calif., spent one year in Alaska and then one in the South Pacific. He won the Air Medal with ten oak leaf clusters signifying over 100 combat missions.

Also with the Air Medal and ten clusters is 1st Lt. Thomas H. Walker of Minneapolis, who tested his wings in the Jap infested South Pacific skies.

1st Lt. Vernon W. Froelich of Sheboygan, Wis., also flew in the North Africa and British Isles theaters, and also won the D.F.C. and Air Medal with cluster.

Twenty-two month of flying in the hazardous China and India theaters won for 1st Lt. George T. Grammas, of Stillwater, Okla., the D.F.C. and Air Medal. He is assigned here as a flight commander.

Another Californian among the combat veterans is Captain Cyril E. Nichols of Orange, who spent 22 months in the Solomons and other South Pacific points. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross with cluster, and the Air Medal with three clusters.

Eight months of battling with the Luftwaffe and Italian Air Force in the Mediterranean theater brought the Air Medal and ten clusters to 1st Lt. John L. Dean of Valparaiso, Ind.

From time to time stories from the experience of some of these officers will be printed in the Flyer.

More Officer Candidate Schools Are Suspended

If you don't like the idea of going through the war as a G. I., and want to do something about it, you'd better choose Infantry or Air Corps Adminitsration Officer Candidate schools, for there's little else left.

Upon graduation of the present class, the following OCS installations will be suspended:

Antiaircraft Artillery, Armored Forces, Cavalry, Chemical Warfare Service, Coast Artillery, Military Police and Tank Destroyer.

Any soldiers having applications in process for any one of these schools will be notified and told that they may submit applications for any of those remaining open for which they may be qualified.

But don't get your hopes up, because there's no terrific demand for new officers right now.

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Director of Operations Flew in Canal Zone For Four Years

(See Picture, Insert Section)

Although he flew for four years in the Panama Canal Zone, Lt. Col. William C. Adams, now director of operations for Chico Army Air Field, would like to enter a more active theater of operations.

Tall and blond, Lt. Col. Adams is a Kentuckian by birth, went to college in the deep South, and worked before entering the army in industrial Detroit.

Like many of the comparative "old timers" in the flying end of this war, he was graduated from college with an engineering degree, and attended flying school at Randolph and Kelly Fields. Although not a West Pointer, Col. Adams is a regular army officer, having been commissioned in the Air Corps in July, 1940. He won his reserve commissiin the previous Novtmber.

Upon winning his commission as second lieutenant, Col. Adams was assigned to the Canal Zone, and at first spent four months in bombardment. But he quickly transferred to fighters, and has been with them ever since.

He was in the Canal Zone at the same time as Brig. Gen. Russell E. Randall, now deputy commander of the Fourth Air Force, was commanding general of the fighter command in that vital Central American sector.

Becoming a lieutenant colonel in August of last year, Col. Adams returned to the United States in February, 1944.

His present type of work, which corresponds roughly to that of the post of director of training under the old setup here. is nothing new for the young man who has made a rapid rise in his chosen career of flying. He has been at it for three years.

Although flying is one of those lines which take most of a man's time and fancy, hunting and fishing still are high on his list of favorite hobbies.

A resident of Somerset, Ky., Col. Adams attended Murray State Teachers College for one year and then was graduated from Georgia Tech in 1936. For the next three years he was an engineer for the Evans Products Company in Detroit.

The director of operations is married and has a family. They are temporarily living in Chico.

Sun Tan Uniform Effective 15 May

Shine up those sun tans, soldier, because summer is almost here. And when summer hits Chico, wow!

Headquarters announced this week that effective Monday, 15 May the command will go into summer khakis, and for all military personnel to make plans accordingly.

And that means getting 'em to the laundry in plenty of time.

You Can't Take the Izzack Walton Out Of the Soldier

It takes more than a change from civvies to G. I.'s to dim the call of Izzack Walton in the average American, and many of our CAAF soldiers took advantake of the opening of trout season this week to trek to the nearby hills and streams in their spare time.

Although the results were not as good as they could have been, its hard to discourage an angler, and most of the boys will be out again. Tackle is available for three day periods at the Special Services office.

If taken out in the middle of the week, it must be checked back in by Fridays, said 1st Lt. L. S. Stringari, special services officer.

War Room Provides Background Material For Invasion News

Main talk now during bunk fatigue time is on the subject on the coming invasion of Europe and when it will take place.

If you want the facts on the war to date, and the military background necessary to understand its progress, drop into the War Room, on Fourth Street across from the South Theater. You can better appreciate the news of the day after studying its maps and charts, commentaries and other military information.

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Two Years of the WAC

Our Air Wacs have a birthday anniversary. Two years ago—on May 15, 1942—the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was formed.

It would be appropriate on this occasion to salute our Wacs as having furnished ample proof that they are a real part of the army—appropriate, except for the fact they reached that goal long ago. Having earned the right, they dropped the "Auxiliary" and became full fledged soldiers last September 1.

It also would be fitting to ackknowledge, with grateful appreciation, that they have made a valuable and efficient contribution to the achievements of this post and the Army Air Forces as a whole—but that too became a matter of record months ago, when the AAF asked for thousands of additional Air Wacs.

We reiterate our admiration for these accomplishments of the past, and we offer our most sincere congratulations to the Corps and our own Air Wacs on the excellent job they are doing at present.

We believe, however, that the finest tribute we can pay to our sister soldiers is to pledge to them a resolution for the future. then let our deeds speak for us in the days to come. The key to the future of the Women's Army Corps is growth. Having already demonstrated its value in measures far beyond original expectations, the Corps is ready to shoulder more of the load, and is conducting a campaign for enlistments.

All of us can help. As soldiers, our words bear weight with relatives and friends. By taking an active interest in making the Wacs' merits known, we can boost the recruiting drive and increase the strength of the Corps. That is our way of letting our own Wacs know that we appreciate the job they are doing. It is the best compliment we can pay them, and the most tangible evidence of our wholehearted friendship and admiration.

Naples (CNS)—S/Sgt. William Franklin, who was an usher in the Roxy Theater, New York, in civilian life, is the tail gunner on a Maurauder now, but he still has his old habits. "This way, please." he said the other day as he focused his sights on a Nazi plane. A minute later he shot the plane down.

Squadron A News

By Sgt. CHARLES A. HELMER

A Squadron is beginning to shape up, and with all the new men arriving each day's prospects point to a mighty fine outfit. The orderly room is swamped with work now and an additional staff of typists is on hand to complete the many new rosters and file cards that have to be gotten out. One complete roster just about gets finished when in comes another group of men and everything has to be changed . . . First Sgt. Kuchinski is losing more hair each day over the many trials and tribulations that confront him . . . S/Sgt. Stryker is also a busy man and his desk is piled high with ration applications, furlough applications, passes, letters, rosters, morning reports and what have you . . . all the orderly room personnel come to work each day singing the old song, "Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's Off to Work We Go"!

All the fellows of the former 97th, 10th, Guard Sqdn. and Q. M. wanat to welcome the new men to our Squad on. We know we will all get along swell and pull together and make Squadron A the best darn' outfit on the field . . .

Cpl. Siligato is a real landscape artist and I wonder if he has a driver's license for that lawn mower he is pushing around so much these days. With a garden hose he isn't' too bad, either.

I wonder who the young lady was that Sgt. Larry May was giving all his attention to in town the other night. How's about giving us the lowdown, Larry . . . huh?

T/Sgt. Halverson, our supply sergeant, has his hands full these days with all the new men having to get beds and bedding. Don't worry, Hal, everything will be okay and I don't think you will get too gray haired before things settle back to no mal.

'Tis rumored that Sgt. Alex Holcombe and Sgt. Norm Peterson went on a picnic last week with their one and only girl friends and really had a swell time.

Saw quite a few of the fellows from the Squadron at the N.C.O. party the other night and from the looks of things, everyone was having one big time . . . S/Sgt. Bill Carah really did seem to be in a rare mood . . . T/Sgt. Holt was there also having himself quite a time. Cpl. Hawthorne was right in there pitching and I think it can be said he was "On the Beam Jackson." Oh yes, I forgot to add I had a good time also . . .

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AAF Aid Society Campaign Begins Soon

"The Army Air Forces takes care of its own."

And with that slogan, the CAAF drive of the Army Air Forces Aid Society begins in the near future.

Charter of this great organization, created by General and Mrs. H. H. Arnold, provides that it may collect and hold funds ano use them to relieve distress of AAF those of honorably retired or discharged personnel and their dependents, including or deceased personnel, to provide for their education, an to secure employment for them and their dependents.

Contributions to this huge trust fund for the benefit of AAF personnel and their dependents are for he time being on a purely voluntary basis, and every member of this command is invited to make a contribution, no matter how large or small.

Patron members pay $100 and Life members $50 with no further dues; benefactor members pay $5 per year, and members at large one dollar a year. Appropriate membership cards will be distributed to all commands in the near future.

On Chico Field the Special Services officer has been designated as the person to accept memberships or other contributions in this society which may help any one of you at the conclusion of this struggle.

Said General Arnold:

"Our objective, of course, is to secure sufficient funds to enable the AAF Aid Society to provide post-war frate nal relief for the officers and men and their dependents who have contributed so much to the winning of the victory. You will realize, of course, that this objective will require that volunteer memberships include all our people, banded together for a common cause.

"We are now in the midst of a great war. Much remains to be accomplished before the threat to our country is removed. Although every effort must be expended in prosecuting the present conflict to a successfful conclusion, it is not too early —indeed. every passing day makkes it more imperative — to prepare to assist those among us who, when the war is done, will be in need of a helping hand. The AAF Aid Society is admirably suited to fulfill that mission."

Anyone interested before details of the drive are announced, may obtain information from the Special Services Office, just south of the PX.

At the Post Library

CALFORNIANA

Newcomers to California and Chico Army Air Field will find of interest California history, travel, and guide books on display at the Post Library this week. Among the titles are.

CALIFORNIA: A GUIDE TO THE GOLDEN STATE. Compiled by the Writers' Program—the most complete guide book to California ever published.

CALIFORNIA AND THE WEST. Book of photographs by the celebrated photographer, Edward Weston.

HERE IS MY LAND. Sketches of Butte County, California — includes a history of Chico and its pioneers.

ANYBODY'S GOLD: THE STORY OF CALIFORNIA'S MINING TOWNS, by J. H. Jackson. Romantic history of many towns in the environs of Chico.

SACRAMENTO: RIVER OF GOLD, by Julian Dana. Story of California and the Sacramento River.

CALIFORNIA MISSIONS, bby H. Hawthorne. Story of the missions built by the Spanish fathers.

SAN FRANCISCO, A PAGEANT by Charles Caldwell Dobie. Past and present of San Francisco, described by a native son —gives colorful pictures of different localities.

SAN FRANCISCO; THE BAY AND ITS CITIES. Writers Program descriptive guide to San Francisco, with many photographs.

Watch Your Rules

Here are a few rules to note, soldier, when you are using the free mailing privilege.

If you are residing off the post, place in your own handwriting in the upper left hand corner of the envelope your name, rank, serial number and branch of service.

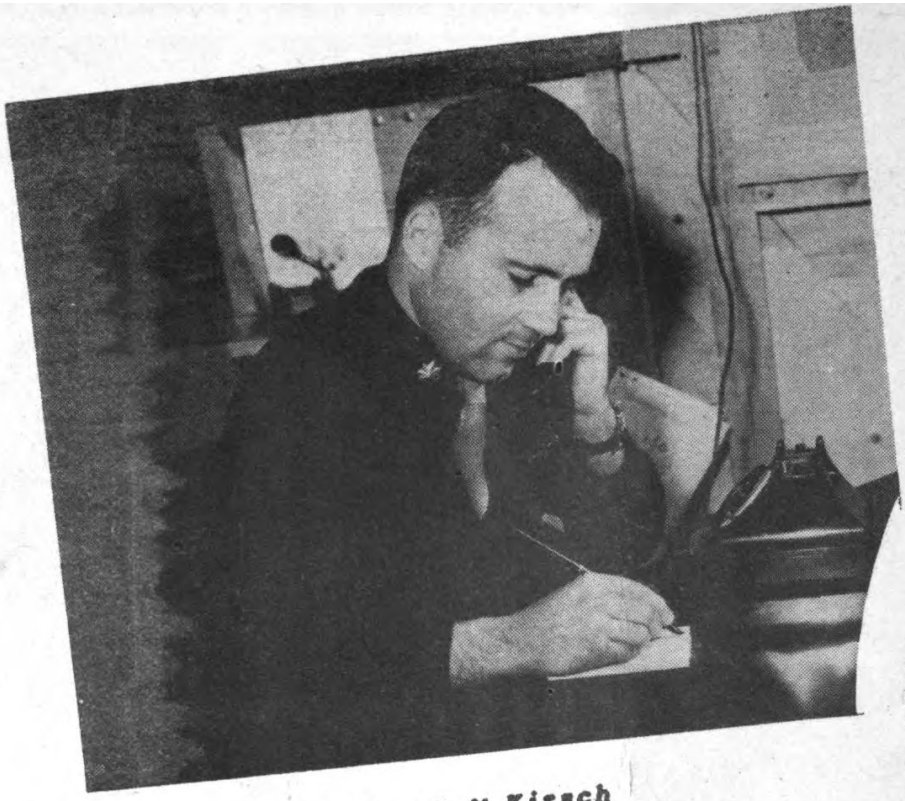
If on the post, include the squadron or detachment in the address, also in your own writing. Service men's families may not use free mail, according to announcement by the post office.

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First Sergeant Joe Bailey, erstwhile top kick of the erstwhile 97th, destroys some erstwhile squadron records in a paper baling machine at salvage warehouse. Sgt Bailey is assisting Major Henry Howard II in disposing of all training command squadron records and accounts.

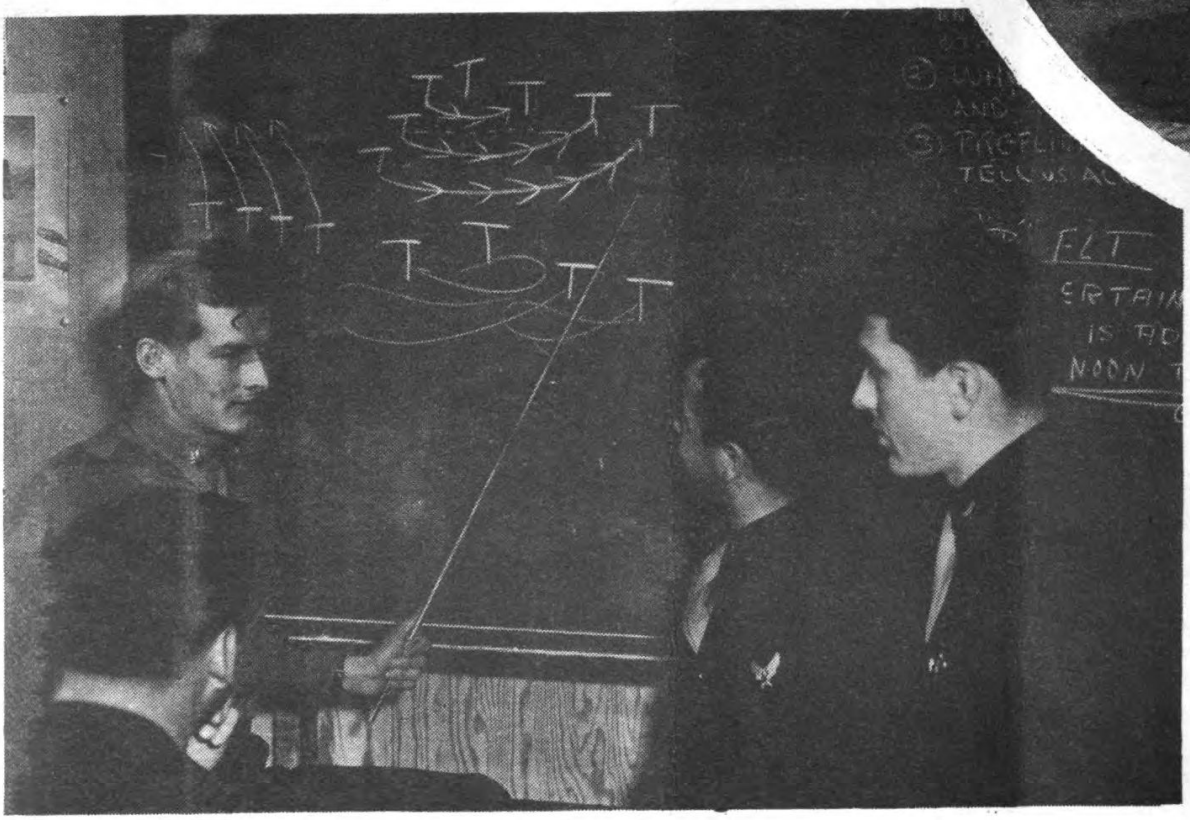
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Major L.M.Kirsch
Deputy Director of Training

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Left to right, Major C.W.Sawyer, supervisor of flying talks over a problem with sections leaders Capt.F.W.Ladd, Capt.R.S.Shellito and Capt.R.H.Tracy.

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Faces





Capt.F.C.Huffman, supervisor of aircraft maintenance shows Pfc Fred Wilkins of Flt.3 how it's done.

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in the
Zone.



Major R.F.Jones, flight leader, keeps an eye on his flight from the cockpit of his plane.

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No, boys, this is not Queen Lamour-Lamour of the glamorous South Sea Islands, but someone just as good. The neat grass skirt and stuff came from the Pacific via this femme's brother who is a Marine, and her name is Miss Lois Dalrymple of the post physical training office. (P.T. Department note: there's no objection to taking more than three hours of calisthenics a week, if you want to drop up to the gym more often.)

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Gettysbury Address — South Pacific Version

(From the fighting Seabees, that group of battling construction experts which is doing so much in the Pacific, comes a "Revised Gettysbury Address" written by M. A. Hancharick, Seaman Firct Class. We thought you'd like to see it. — Editor)

TWO score and seven days ago our battalion brought forth on this island a new project, conceived in a fox hole and dedicated to the proposition that all Japs are created evil.

We are now engaged in the heat, rain and mud of this island, testing whether this project of the Seabees will long endure. We are all together, slipping and sliding as we do this, but in a larger sense we cannot harrow this ground, for those great rains have made it impossible far above the poor power of all but the "cats."

It is for us, the Seabees, rather to be enslaved here by this menial labor, which they who are in charge have thus so freely advanced. It is rather for us to be here sickened by the dish of hash set before us, that from these cans we took our nourishment; nor no devotion to these cooks, for our stomachs gave an everlasting measure of commotion.

The world will little note nor long remember what we build here, but we shall never forget the hash and beans we ate here. Let us resolve that we shall not have sweated in vain; that this battalion shall have thirty days of freedom in the United States by summer; that this thought shall not perish from our hopes.

USO Formal Tonight At Memorial Hall

BUFFET SUPPER at 6 p.m. tonight. Your wives are invited to attend the buffet supper which will be served at 6 p.m. this evening.

FORMAL DANCE. There will be a formal dance at 8:30 tonight at the Memorial Hall. The Wings of Swing will provide the music and there will be plenty of Junior Hostesses for dancing partners. Your wives are also invited to attend. If you wish to bring a girl friend who is not a member of the U.S.O., please get a guest card at the U.S.O. office.

MOVING PICTURE:

Sunday, 7 May: your old favorite, "Gunga Din," with Cary Grant and Joan Fontaine.

Sunday, 14 May: "Nurse Edith Cavell" with Anna Neagle, May Robson and Edna Mae Oliver.

An informal dance will be held at the U.S.O. Club next Satuday evening, 13 May, from 8:30 to 11.30 p.m. The Wings of Swing Tenor Band will provide the music.

We have a classical record library which is available at all times for your entertainment. Ask to here these records in the club office. The following albums have been puchased in the last two weeks: Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony" and Liszt's "Les Preludes."

An album of "The Murder of Lidice," a poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay, recorded by Basil Rathbone, has also been added to the library. The grim incident that gave rise to Miss Millay's poem is concerned with the slaughter of the inhabitants of Lidice, a small Czechoslovakian town. The musical background is supplied by the Columbia chorus.

HERO, KILLED IN AFRICA, GETS MEDAL OF HONOR

Algiers (CNS) — The Congressional Medal of Honor has been awarded posthumously to Pvt. Nicholas Minue, 44-year-old Regular Army Infantryman and World War I veteran who single-handedly stormed a German machine gun nest in Tunisia and bayoneted ten Nazis to death before he was fatally wounded.

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. ENGINEERS .

The column this week is dedicated in all sincerity to the many fishermen in the Corps of Engineers. Any similarity between them and the person characterized in the following poem is purely coincidental. However, reminiscence brings to mind the fact that George Benham never did explain to our satisfaction, just how he happened to lose his tackle in Butte Creek last year. Perhaps it would have been better if he had, instead of letting us draw our own conclusions from the incident.

By the way—this column notwithstanding—we'd like to wish you all the best of luck.

The fisherman riseth at the break of dawn,
For most of the day and the night, he's gone.
When he returneth—no fish in his creel—
The truth—as such—he does not reveal!

But he has no honor, his creed is quite musty;
He could tell the truth—ah!—but does he?
Not he, with his plans and pat little story,
He carries on, to be covered with glory.

A confirmed fisherman entails a liar—
To gain the heights to which he may aspire.
When he sees a pool, or a fall of water—
His reason, his mind, might even totter.

He hath no principles—his only thought
Is the fish he has—or has not caught.
If he has no fish he'll find a way,
To tell of the big one that got away!

So he proceeds—in his eyes there's a gleam,
To tell of the one that took him up stream.
Across boulders and ripples, through soft, clinging clay—
He played it along—But It Still Got Away!

You will see, through the way that he speaks,
He'd go to any lengths for the fame which he seeks.
As to his fall in the creek—we have not a doubt,
'Twas the closest he came to the aforementioned trout!

Our sympathies go to Thelma Lykins and family on the death of her father last week; also to Burns and Joy Morgan, the latter's father having passed away recently.

A certain fireman who has been helping his wife with K. P. got blisters on his hands recently. They say, Barney, that you make a good laundry man.

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Warmin' the Bench

Dan Parker, the Bessarabian beauty who writes a sporting column and runs an elevator at the New York Daily Mirror, claims things are so tough with the Brooklyn Dodgers this year that Leo Durocher was forced to give a Flatbush Avenue milk wagon horse a tryout at first base.

According to Parker, the Lippy One discovered an old platter prancing around in the outfield in front of a grass cutting machine. Durocher liked the spavined beauty's footwork and assigned him to cover first.

In a ten minute workout, nothing got by the plug. He speared hot liners and gobbled up grounders in his teeth 'in a manner that won Leo's admiration." Later, at the plate he socked the second pitch into deep center, then stood at the dish, watching the ball sail through the air.

"Well, what's the matter?" Leo hollered. "Why don't you run?"

"Run!" bellowed the swayback. 'Listen, if I could run I'd be entered in the first race at Jamaica!"

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Physical Fitness Program Set Here

A physically fit command is the aim of the Fourth Air Force, and an all- ound program designed to accomplish this mission will get under way here soon.

First of all the Army Air Forces physical fitness tests will be given to every officer and man stationed here and at the sub bases in Redding, Oroville and Marysville. For the benefit of those who haven't taken these tests as yet, they consist of situps from a prone position, pullups (chins) and a 300 yard shuttle run.

TEST MONDAY

In the last test given here 78 per cent of the enlisted taking it scored satisfactory marks. The tests will be given beginning Monday, according to 1st Lt. F. L. Bartlett, phhysiccal trainning office..

And as soon as the post swimming pool opens, which will be around thhe 15th of May, there will be a compulsory swimming program, to make certain that every man in the command can swim, and swim, and swim well enough to take care of himself.

First all will be required to take the basic military acquatic test, which consists of thhefollowing:

Keep afloat in deep water for five minutes by either floating, treading water, or a combination of methods; swim 45 yards continuously, including one third off the distance by breast stroke, one third side stroke and the remainder elementary back stroke; and swimming 15 feet underwater.

Those who cannot swim will be given a required beginners course. Those who fail to pass the basic acquatic test will be given a basic courses. An advaned military acquatics course will be given later, Lt. Bartlett said.

Continuing with the physial fitness theme, the Fourth Air Force has recommended that in addition to the required three hours a week of supervised P. T. three more hours off voluntary exercises, such as softball, baseball, bowling, golf, swimming or some other form of exercise be taken up.

Italy, Tex. (CNS)—Charlie Dawson, just turned 18, claims he's the youngest father of three children in the entire Southwest. His third child arrived last week, just before Dawson received his draft call.

Robbers Look Like Sure Repeaters

In spite of the ambition of every softball manager on the post to knock them from their high position, the Quartermaster team seems to be just about a cinch to repeat their championship form this year.

While S/Sgt. Johnny Murry, pitcher and manager, sings the blues, his team goes ahead and soundly trounces every practice opponent to date. And by scores which resemble a one sided track meet, too.

The Robbers still have their nifty battery consisting of Murry and S/Sgt. Roy Mootz, and right there is one half the battle.

And if that isn't enough, an all star infield consisting of Sgt. Tom O'Donnell at first, Cpl. Monte McManus at second, Cpl. Kenny Young at short and Pfc. Jerry Sedlacek at third, can take care of everything which comes its way.

Any balls hit to the outfield are as good as in the bag with S/Sgt. Jim Papez in short field, Sgt. John Wesner or Cpl. Al Assell in center, Cpl. Eddie (Pop) Bellegarde in left, and Cpl. "Peter the Great" Peterson in right. And there are plenty of reserves, too.

Just why will the Robbers be so tough to beat this year? Well, they've played together for two seasons and this is their third, and the talent is there also.

It really will be a feather in the cap of any outfit which knocks the crown off the boys from the Oaks.

Golf Clubs . . .

If you are a golfing enthusiast or even an occasional duffer, and are having trouble in getting clubs due to the golf clubhouse fire in Chico, we know just the man for you.

P. D. Selkirk, who works for the post engineers, has new and used clubs for sale and rent, and balls for sale. His residence and shop is at 1409 Palm Avenue.

Albany, N. Y. (CNS)—Prison inmates prefer travel literature to almost any other kind of reading, according to a recent report of the New York State Library Assn.

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Personal Affairs Officer Aids Soldier, Dependents

Lt. Sidney I. Annis has been appointed personal affairs officer for this post, and is prepared to provide all possible information, advice and assistance to both the soldier and his dependents.

Lt. Annis asked that any soldier or dependent of soldiers residing in this area come to him with their problems concerning allotments, legal assistance, technicalities of army regulations and any other personal problems connected with the army.

In cases where the officer is not qualified to give the proper advice, the applicant is directed to the appropriate authority.

Also the personal affairs officer works in close liaison with the Army Emergency Relief, American Red Cross, Veterans Administration, Selective Service, Office of Dependency Benefits and other agencies handling problems of the soldier and his dependents.

Squadron C Briefs

By Pvt. JAC. S. FANTROY

Pvt. Hargrave has taken a powder for a two week or more furlough, which we all hope he will enjoy. I think he has done very well in keeping the morale of the soldiers; a big hand for him.

Well, let's get on with the jive.

We have real music in Barracks No.2, now that Pvt. Haynes has policed up on his radio.

The softball team is well on its way, thanks to S/Sgt. Wade.

We have a star player, Ben W. Harvey, who has played on every team you can name . . . but HE can't name them . . . very strange.

So long until next week.

Camera Club

For the information of post shutterbugs or photography nuts, the Camera Club is active again.

A short meeting was held this week, and any others interested are asked to contact special services. Lt. Sidney Annis announces that special camera trips and contests will be arranged.

Chapel Services

7 May 1944

CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800; Confessions at 0730.

Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship at 1000; sermon: "Who Are We?"

Dwight E. LaFollette, Chaplain

Squadron C Softball Team After First Division Spot

Although they finished at the bottom of the list in softball last year, having concentrated on baseball, the outfit representing C Squadron should do much better this year. The CAAF league opens May 15.

Already the Brown Bombers have won a couple of practice games, and they look like an outfit which with a little practice could finish in the first division.

S/Sgt. Ervin Wade, who manages the Bombers, reports he has Pvts. Overton and Hill as starting pitchers, while Cpl. George Chenault and Pfc. C. Butler will be behind the log.

For infielders C Squadron can open with Pvt. Butler at first, Pvt. Fantroy at second, Pvt. Tolson at third, Pfc. Henry at short and Pvt. Harvey in short field.

The outfielding situation is somewhat unsettled, but S/Sgt. Wade can call upon Cpls. Harry and Dallas Williams, and Pvts. Myers and Fields.

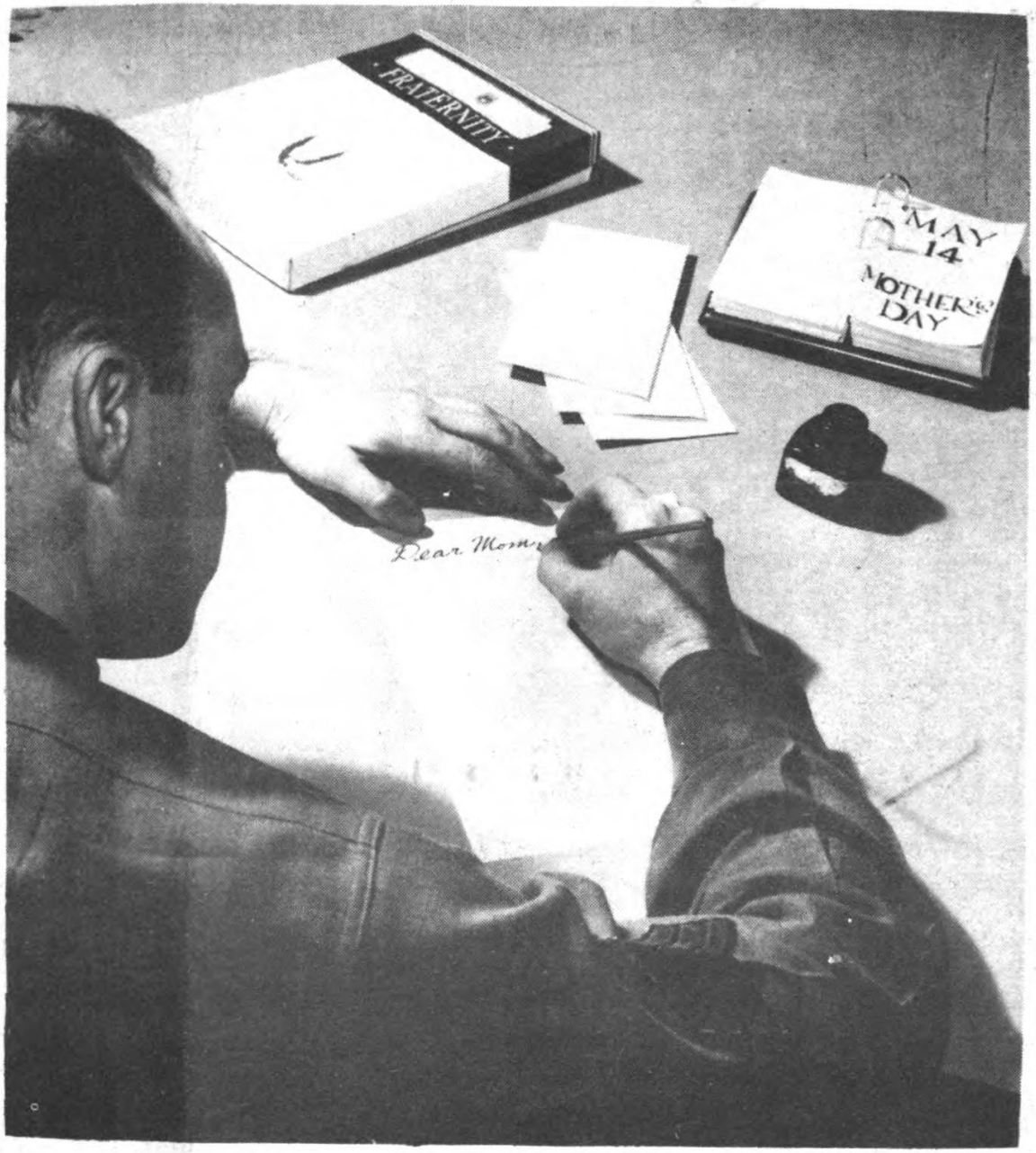
He reported that Pfc. E. C. Gamble, a really outstanding hard ball third sacker, may join the softball outfit.

Chicago (CNS)—It was April Fool's Day and the crowd that gathered around a suspicious-looking package on the sidewalk in front of a Loop restaurant just stood there and chuckled, waiting for a sucker to come along. Finally one simple-looking passerby picked up the package and opened it. It contained two large steaks, presumably dropped from a delivery truck serving the restaurant. Nobody said "April Fool."

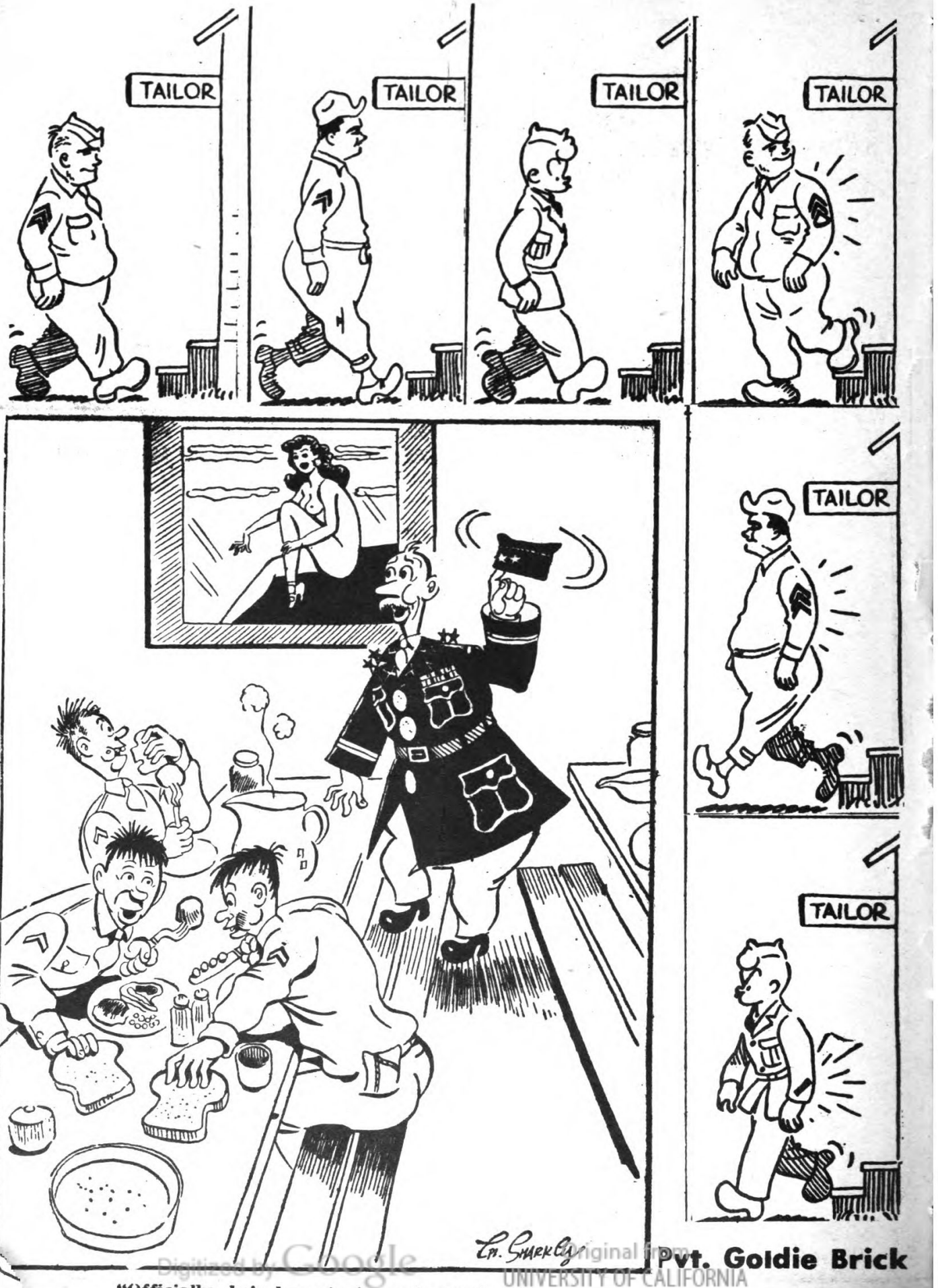
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Pvt. Goldie Brick

"Officially, he's here to inspect our food!"

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Post Baseball Team Opens Season

Memorial Field Scene Of First Game

Bolstered by new material in a couple of important positions, Cpl Charley Henson's CAAF post hardball team opens its season tomorrow afternoon at Chico's Memorial Field against the Western Signal Corps Training Center outfit from Davis, Calif. Game time is set for 1430.

Special Services is planning a gala season opening, replete with music and the traditional tossing out of the first ball by dignitaries. Invited for the occasion have been Col. A.W. Tyer, commanding officer; Lt. Col. A.L. Ring, executive officer, and Mayor E.R. Bevins of Chico. The 533rd AAF Band, under CWO Hiram M. Allen, will play.

The game is free to all, and civilians working on the post, and residents of Chico are cordially invited. (In case some of the new men don't know where Memorial Field is located, go in the main highway, and just prior to entering the main business district over the Esplanade bridge, turn left one half block.)

Although little is known of the opponents, they have a sizeable garrison from which to choose, and should offer plenty of competition.

Manager Henson will have plenty of reserve strength this season, and can call on either Sgt Ernest Bauers, Cpl Dick MacGlennon or Pvt Louis English for catching duty.

For pitching he has Cpl Charles Honors, Sgt Nick Decker, S/Sgt Del Harmon or S/Sgt Marshall Brummitt. The latter pitched a few seasons ago for the Durham, N.C., Bulls in the South Atlantic League, and should prove a valuable addition to the club.

At first will be Henson, himself a former pro tosser, with either Vaughan or Bilinsky at second, George Gregory at short and Lee Gamble at third. Ordinarily Lt. Lynn Everson will be available for duty at the hot corner but will be out this week.

In the outfield will be Janashek, a hard hitter, in center; Ced Holliday in right, and either Charley Keller or Eddie Driscoll in center.

And after this contest, the post Flyers will go into a tough schedule of 15 more games, all of them against skilled northern California service outfits.

Officer Softballers Show Early Promise

While the rest of the teams in the CAAF softball league, which opens Monday, have been tooting their horns and advertising this and that player, the Officers ten has quietly been collecting an all-star cast, and after a few games may turn out to be the threat of the league.

Organized by 1st Lt. Bill Kotch, who will hold down second base, the team features two good pitchers, some real infielders and a few hard hitters.

The Officers will have two fine athletes at third and short respectively, with Lt. Lynn Everson, a former professional tosser and hard hitter covering the short patch and Capt. Art Buck, an all round athlete and equally good hitter and fielder, handling the hot corner. Lt. Everson will be cleanup man.

Captain John Baker, steady and with a good arm, will catch, receiving the slants of Capt. Hazen Helvey, flight leader and recently returned from combat flying in India. Taking his turn will be Lt. T.J. Howells of Squadron B.

At first will be Lt. Elmer Sandager, formerly of the Sub Depot team last year. Lt. Sandager is tall, covers well and is a pretty fair sticker. Lt. Kotch played with the old 78th ten last season.

BALL HAWKS

In left and center fields will be Lts. Downey Clinch and Lloyd Williams of the Sub Depot. Both are good ball hawks. Lt. Clinch played for the Vibrators last season. In right field Lt. Gene Houser, Lt. Cecil Franz and Major James Martin will be after the post. However, in case of absenteeism, both Lts. Houser and Franz can play infield.

Lt. Harold Hoover, a fast and sure ball snagger, will cover short field. Lt. Jack Titcomb is utility.

The outlook is that excellent fielding and hard hitting will overcome any weakness in pitching strength.

LONG-WINDED

South Pacific (CNS)—Marine Corp. Joe Murphy received a 27,000 word letter from his girls in New Jersey. Reading time was eight hours.

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Squadron A News

By Sgt Charles A. Helmer

Squadron A is still in the process of trying to settle down and since last week long strides have been made toward that goal. First Sgt Kuchinski, is beginning to smile again and looks as though he may be getting back into his old stride . . . Sgt Holman returned from a furlough a bit bewildered at the changes taken place on the field but he rolled up his sleeves and pitched right in and went to work . . . For everyone's information the smiling Irish lad in the orderly room is Sgt Kelley . . . T/Sgt Harrington really does swing a mean grass cutter and the grass really does fly around the recreation building when he swings . . . The last retreat parade really showed up the talents of T/Sgt Harrison as he makes a very good platoon leader . . . S/Sgt Reed is quite good when it comes to preparing for a blackout as he has been blacking out all the windows in the Recreation building for the past week. Flat feet are bothering Sgt Jack Nuttall since the crack up of his car and now poor Jack has to walk to and from the post each day. Jack says he walks six miles each way but that part of the story we can't confirm. Pvt Hightower is a new addition to Squadron A and since his arrival already we are beginning to feel his swell wit and humor. ""The Man With The Pipe." should be the title given S/Sgt Jeff Blowers because as yet I have never seen Jeff without his pipe . . . The Squadron lost one of the oldtimers the other day as T/Sgt Joe Borsos transferred to another station for a new assignment . . . Pfc Terry H. Altman is the fishing expert of the Squadron and if anyone wants to know about fish just talk to Terry and he will really give you the lowdown . . . I wonder what could make Cpl Burkhart so happy these days. Is it because his furlough is beginning to get very close at hand? . . . Sgt McNally was seen slowly sipping a coke in the P.X. fountain and dreaming of better things to come . . . Still up to their necks in work are the fellows in supply, namely T/Sgt Halverson, Sgt Farrell and Sgt Peterson . . . S/Sgt Jake Thurmon really does roll a mean bowling ball believe me because I saw him perform on a local alley the other night . . . By the way if anyone is interested in going fishing the Special Services department is arranging fishng trips on Sundays for the fellows . . . T/Sgt Serowick is the slave driver of barracks 320. All joking aside he is the bay chief of said baarracks and he is really doing a swell job . . . .

Helluva-Looking Captain

Camp Shelby, Miss.—Chances are ten to one that Capt. Wright F. Hallfrisch won't be caught with his bars down again.

The captain, like many station complement officers, took part in a tour of the infiltration course last Saturday in accordance with the instructions of the director of military training.

To make his trip under the hail of bullets, the man in question wore a pair of fatigues borrowed from a staff sergeant in his office. They were inscribed with the three over, one under.

After making his way through the murk and mire of the course, the captain, battered and bespattered, returned to the finance office, where he works, to do more peaceful work on his job as chief of the receipts and disbursements branch.

At the door of the finance office he was challenged by a guard who asked, "Got some business in there sarge?"

"Why yes," answered the officer, "I'm Captain Hallfrisch, I work here."

The guard, a rangy Pfc from parts unknown, surveyed the officer from head to foot with a penetrating stare which might have numbered every dab of dirt, and drawled, "OK, go ahead, but your a helluva looking captain!"

Post Baseball Team 1944 Schedule

HOME GAMES

May 14....Western Signal Corps School.
May 20....Camp Beale.
May 21....Camp Beale.
June 3....Merced Armyy Air Field.
June 4....Merced Army Air Field.
June 14....Western Signal Corps School.
July 9....Mather Field.

OUT OF TOWN GAMES

May 28....Western Signal Corps, Davis, Cal.
June 10....Camp Beale, Marysville, Calif.
June 11....Camp Beale, Marysville.
July 2....Signal Corps, Davis.
July 15....Merced AAF, Merced, Calif.
July 16....Merced AAF, Merced.
July 30....Mather Field, Sacramento, Calif.
August 12....Fairfield AAF, Fairfield, Cal.
August 13....Fairfield AAF, Fairfield.

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"Say When" Latest USO Show Next Saturday

"Say When" is the latest USO Camp Show to appear at Chico Field, and is slated for the post gymnasium a week from tonight at 2000.

In the show vaudeville acts from throughout the country are combined with young talent which has recently clicked on Broadway.

It is an amusing comedy, a musical hit, and a dance variety, all rolled into one. Among the artists who will perform are the Musical Johnstons, xylophone virtuosos, the Garri Girls, six dancers, Emmet Oldfield & Co., famous comedy a tists, glamorous Eve Mathews, acro dancer and Kenneth L. Nash, pianist and mycical conductor.

As usual the show is free to military personnel and members of their families.

USO Activities

MOVIE:

Sunday, May 14, "Nurse Edih Cavell" with Anna Neagle and May Robson.

Sunday, May 21st, "Forever and a Day" with Charles Laughton, Merle Oberon, Ray Milland, Anna Neagle and 70 other stars.

DANCES.

There will be an informal dance at the U.S.O. Club on Saturday, May 13th. Junior Hostesses will be present and your wives are also invited. If you wish to bring a girl friend who is from out of town and not a member of the U.S.O., please obtain a guest card from the office.

Then Wings of Swing will provide the music.

Don't forget the Buffet Suppers every Saturday night at 6 P.M.

Chapel Services

14 May 1944

CATHOLIC

Mass 0800
Confessions 0730

Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship 1000

Contact Chico Program Rebroadcast Thursdays

Under a new arrangement with Radio Station KHSL in Chico, the Contact Chico show will be rebroadcast on Thursdays at 1830, thus insuring an opportunity for all to hear it.

The program itself will continue to be given on Saturdays at 1300 in the Senator Theater in Chico, with all G.I.s who happen to be in town, and the general public cordially invited to attend. There is no admission, but the theater must be cleared in time for the afternoon matinee.

New announcer for the show is Cpl John Wood of Squadron B, who has had previous radio experience, while Lt. Sidney Annis will continue to give the narrative drama of actual happenings from the U.S. fighting fronts. Music will be by the Wings of Swing, under T/Sgt Carl Modell, The show is produced by Cpl Sanford Sindell.

Personal Affairs

In a special broadcast Thursday night over the local radio station, Lt. Sidney I. Annis, personal affairs officer at CAAF, explained problems arising from soldier allotments and allowances. He was interviewed by Robert Moody, commander of Chico Post No. 17, American Legion.

P-X NEWS

Business is flourishing again with the arrival of the 4th Air Force. We,re glad to see you, boys, and if we can be of any service to you, just let us know. Complaints are also welcome.

Only one day till Mothers' Day. Mothers Day Cards are selling quickly. Come in and buy a card while we still have a choice.

The Sad Sack Snackery is open till midnight again. Have all of you new boys seen the Sad Sack cartoons which cover the walls?

PFC Ted Kowalewicz, our best and chief gardener is now in the hospital. We all miss him, and hope he'll be back with us shortly.

S/Sgt Stowe s had a birthday Wednesday. Many happy returns.

Mrs. Symonds, our magazine lady, has returned from her trip back home. Said she had a wonderful time.

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Softball League Opens Monday Night

Q.M. Favorites For Third Year

Monday night on the Diamond Match field in Chico, CAAF'S well organized softball league swings into its third season.

Opening contests of the 27-game schedule see the Headquarters outfit, formerly the 10th, meeting Squadron D in the twilight affair, and Transportation meeting the Medics under the lights.

The Transportation team is made up of motor pool and Ordnance men, while the Medics are old standbys.

On Wednesday night the Quartermasters, defending champions and odds-on favorites to repeat, will open their title defense against the Link Trainer aggregation, one of the top outfits this year.

Most of the teams have been practicing for several weeks, and some have played ten games already. Among those making good showings in the practice season were the Q.M. outfit, which won all its tilts, the Link Trainers, Brown Bombers, and Officers.

TWO POSSIBILITIES

However, all the teams appear to have possibilities, and the Headquarters ten, managed by Sgt Bob Love, and the Sub Depot may pose a threat. The latter team, although not playing too many practice games, may be a potent one, for it gave the Q.M. boys their toughest non-league contest of the pre-season period.

Unknown quantities are Squadron B and D, and Transportation. However, fans will see how they work when the loop starts.

ALL FREE

All games are free to the public, and as many G.I.s as can make them are urged to get out and do a little rooting for the home team. Bleachers and adequate parking space has been provided. The lights are furnished through the Diamond Match Co.

The Flyer writer, succumbing to that great failing of the American sports scribes, is venturing a few prognostications and will step out on a limb with the champ.

And that team of course will be the Q.M. outfit. They have two good pitchers, a million dollar infield, the best catcher in the league, and some hard and timely hitters.

For second we'll pick the Link Trainers, formerly the 97th. M/Sgt Hare's outfit has good balance, but lack enough authoritative hitters to match the Quartermasters. Their battery of Red Bruner and Gordon Gimple is plenty good, however. In third it looks like a tossup between the Medics and Brown Bombers.

The Pill Rollers have lost their best all round player, Sgt Frank Gaebler, from last year, and don't appear quite as strong as formerly. On the other hand, the Bombers have one of the most improved outfits on the post.

Its going to be tough to keep the Officers out of the first division, too, and they appear slated for about fourth or fifth.

In spite of the fact that they have one of the top pitchers of the league in Remy Bally, the Sub Depot will have to show a little more all-round class to be a consistent threat. Errors robbed Bally of many victories last year.

In about the same fix is the Headquarters team. A newcomer, Steve Stevens from Concord will give them some effective pitching, but in practice tilts the former 10th lads demonstrated that they need a little practice in the outfield, and have a weak spot or two in the infield.

Unknown in strength are SquadronsB and D and the Transportation team, and until we see them in action, we'll have to pick them for second division.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

(games at 6:15 and 8:15)

Monday, May 15,....Sq. D. vs. Headquarters, twilight; Transportation vs. **Medics, lights.**

Tuesday, May 16 . . . Sq. B vs. Officers, twilight; Sub Depot vs. Brown **Bombers, lights.**

Wed., May 17 . . . Link Trainer vs. **Q.M., twilight;** Sq. D vs. Transportation, lights.

Thurs. May 18 . . . Hq. vs. Medics, twilight; Sq. B vs. Link Trainer, lights

Friday, May 19 . . . Officers vs. Bombers. twilight; Sub Depot vs Q.M. lights.

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Chico Field G.I.s are sweating out D Day when the Allied armies will make landings on the European Fortress, and when H Hour arrives the War Room will make a special broadcast on the field's public address system. With a map of Western Europe as a backdrop, Sgt Louis Kroner of the war room staff is shown broadcasting the news which points more and more to an early invasion date.

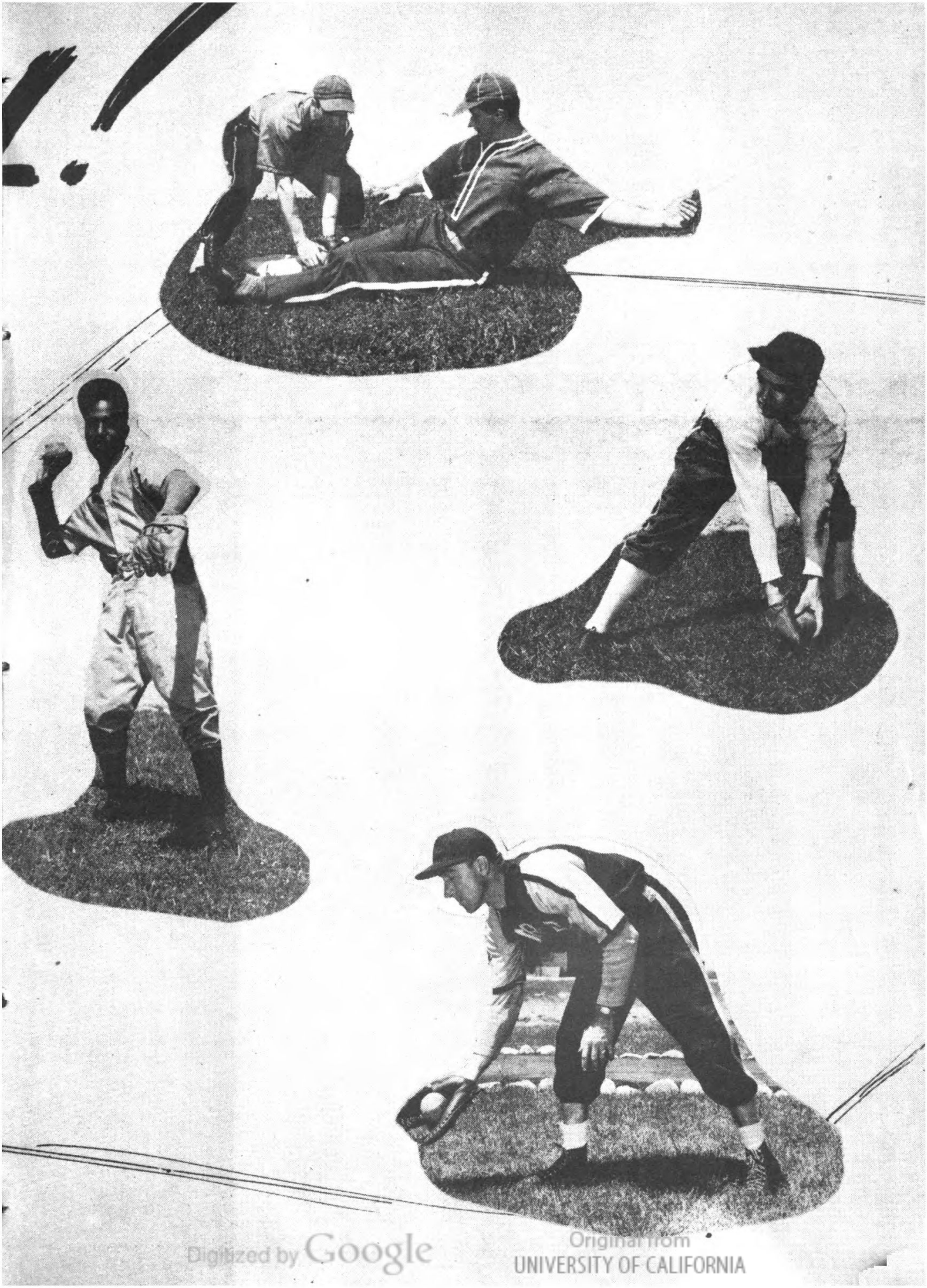
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PLAY BALL

With the CAAF softball season opening Monday night at the Diamond Match field in Chico, here is a preview of some action to be seen this season. At home plate S/Sgt Ray Mootz of the Robbers is set to receive, and Cpl Gordon Gimple of Hare's Hotshots gets set to slug one, he hopes. At first is Sgt Bob Love of the Sq. A team, while in the center of the Diamond Pvt Dallas Williams of Sq. C has his arm cocked to fire a fast throw. At second Cpl Bob Van Gundy of the Hotshots scoops up a fast one, and at third S/Sgt Kenny Husser of the Medics is tagged by Cpl Kenny Young of the Robbers.



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Our Flyer pinup girl for this week is glamorous Rita Hayworth, Columbia's "Cover Girl", who can cover the top of my foot locker any time.

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AAF Aid Society

When the peace is won, and the tremendous process of armed forces demobilization is under way, problems of readjustment and re-employment of members of the military might of this country will be on a vast scale.

And until that readjustment is made, there are bound to be periods of hardship of varying degrees suffe ed by discharged service men and their dependents.

Several years ago, General H.H. Arnold, realizing that this problem was too great for Army Emergency Relief alone, organized the Amy Air Forces Aid Society. This great organization has grown tremendously since that time, but to accomplish its mission, more must be done.

That is why a campaign to make every member of this command a member of this organization will be inaugurated in the near future.

The Army Air Forces Aid Society will assist all honorably discharged or retired personnel of the AAF and their dependents, as well as dependents of deceased AAF personnel.

Thhe AAF Aid Society will assist these people in seeking employment, in obtaining interrupted educations, and in other ways designed to help them make the adjustment from war to peace.

In making a contribution to this organization, you will be doing more than assisting one of your buddies, or his family if lean years happen along. You will be helping your country back to the type of life you are now fighting for.

Announcements of the campaign here will be made in a short time by the Special Services Office. Watch for it.

The Army Air Forces takes care of its own!

Change Quarters

Offices of the American Red Cross on the post have been moved to the Student Officers training headquarters, building T-474, at the northeast corner of the parade grounds.

Also, the Red Cross assistant field director, Mrs. Aileen C. Glenn, announces a free minor clothing repair service to military personnel of the field. Articles of clothing needing hand repairs can be brought to the Red Cross office.

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BEDFORD VILLAGE

By Hervey Allen

In the "Forest and the Fort," Hervey Allen began his long chronicle of Salathiel Albine, the young white boy who was captured by the Indians and brought up by them. This is Part II off the same work, and, like the first part, itis cncerned with Pennsylvania during the conspiracy of Pontiac in 1763-64.

As the title indicates, the story centers around the frontier settlement of Bedford, where a fort and Garrett's huge fortified inn provided protection to the village.

The book contains Salathiel's adventures in Indian fighting and his misadventures with women, Phoebe, and an Irish girl, Frances. There is an exciting episode when the soldiers who have received no money for more than a year, are paid off and raise a rumpus in Garrett's tavern. And there is a horrifying incident at a salt lick when Salathiel and six other scouts massacre the unoffending Indians there. The novel is interesting throughout - it is "Anthony Adverse" over again, wih much less sex and an American historical setting, good escape stuff, and enjoyable reading.

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Notes from Redding

By Pvt William Pitts

Redding, N Squadron—1st Sgt Robert O. Taunt, Pfc "Sherod" Hopkins and S/Sgt "Stinky" Taylor had dinner the other night at one of the better families in Redding. We don't know exactly what went on, but we do know that the 1st soldier was dunking his coffee in his Creme de Menthe!! "Sherod" spent the evening laboring madly with his instinctive habit of bellowing out "set up the boys in the back room, Gene."... Sgt "Rough-house" Davis, Sgt Rudolph B. Edwards, Cpl Ralph S. Hanson, Cpl "Deacon" Konda, and Pvt Clinton Massey went to Anderson the other night to get haircuts.

The boys forsaw that a fifty cent haircut was just as good as a dollar haircut in Redding, but little did they realize that a four bit trimming would later cost them 15 dollars apiece and the art of making up all the beds in barracks 13. Cpl. Sherod A. Harris, former member of this field but now with a night fighter outfit stationed at Hamner Field, Calif., was visiting here the other day with his old friend and budy, Pfc "Sherod" Hopkins. When Cpl Harris was stationed at this field he and Hopkins were inseparable . . . such devoted friendship has made Pfc Hopkins a complete loss since Cpl Harris' transfer.

ON THE LINE

Forecaster S/Sgt Curtis Lee Harden wants it be known to all the forecasters stationed at Chico that he is getting in all of his weekly "P.T." . . . Cpl Ralph Van Dusen, radio mechanic, was recently promoted to the grade of sergeant. Van was so glad to receive the news that he offered to buy everyone a Coca-Cola . . . Van knew what he was doing . . . the Coca-Cola machine was empty at the time the news was received . . . Cpl Arthur Pribbenow and his buddy Pfc Leroy Morgan recently gave up the four door green Ford sedan. Morgan says the competition is to great for the fir one's hand . . . Pfc "Cliff" Broughton was wondering how Sgt John Clements was getting that hearty sun-tan he is sporting these days . . . "Cliff" found out . . . the Sergeant was behind the newly constructed hangar taking a sun bath . . . Mad dogs, Englishmen and Clements bathe out in the noon day sun.

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G.I. Fishing Trips To Continue

Although made without an auspicious beginning last Sunday when only eight fish were caught, the regular Special Services angling excursions will continue as a feature of the CAAF spring sports season.

Uner the direction of Lt. Sidney Annis, assistant special services officer, 24 men made a 50 mile trip to Potato Patch on Deer Creek. Transportation, fishing tackle, lunches and bait were furnished by the department.

The only requirements for the G.I. is that he signify his intention of going on one of the trips by the previous day at Special Services, and that he take his mess kit and canteen.

The trip requires all day Sunday.

THOUSANDS ASK TRANSFER TO INFANTRY UNITS

Washington (CNS)—The War Department has announced that thousands of enlisted men under 32 recently requested transfer to the Infantry so thart they can "fight the enemy at close quarters." In many cases these requests are being granted, the WD added.

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Maj. Sawyer Flew with Flying Tigers

If its travel you're seeking with quantities of adventure freely thrown in, then follow the path of Chico Field's young and alert director of Flying, Major Charles W. Sawyer.

During the time from graduation in August, 1940, from flying school to the present, this soft spoken but business like young man has been constantly on the go. He has flown enough to satisfy even the most air minded person, and has walked enough to be an infantryman.

But more of that incident later.

Major Sawyer is authorized to wear enough decorations, both from this country and from China, to fill all the available space on his blouse, and he can point with pride to eight Japanese planes destroyed.

His awards from China came as a result of his service with the famed Flying Tigers of the American Volunteer Group, which kept open the Chinese lifeline against tremendous odds until the fall of Burma. He fought in Burma until its fall, and then proceeded to China.

Flying aged P-40s, he was one of a group of four AVG pilots who sank a Nipponese destroyer using only their 50 calibre machine guns.

Another exciting incident involved three of the same four pilots some time later. Five minutes after his group had reached an air field, 28 Zeros attacked with a steady stream of lead, and only three planes were able to get into the air.

But these three pilots, of whom Major Sawyer was one, destroyed seven of the Zeros.

But strange adventures still were to catch up with the American pilot, even after the AVG had disbanded in July, 1942, and he joined the 23rd fighter group of Major General Chennault's Fourteenth Air Force in China.

Once, in southern Tibet, Major Sawyer was captured by Lolo native tribes, who are fierce, wild and uncivilized.

For a while this incident looked like the end of a great flying career, until two of the tribes began arguing as to whom would have the privilege of disposing of him.

This argument lasted four days, and finally, as the discussion reached a high pitch of intensity, Major Sawyer took advantage of the temporary diversion and escaped. And he had to walk one hundred and fifty miles to reach safety. Who said airmen have forgotten how to use their legs.

Returning to the United States in December, 1942. he has been squadron commander at the following fields:

McChord Field, Wash.; Hamilton Field. Calif.; and Santa Rosa Army Air Field. When the Fourth Air Force took over CAAF as a fighter replacement training unit, he advanced to the important post as director of flying.

With the AVG in China he was a flight leader as well as a group staff member, and with the U.S. Army Air Forces in China, he was a squadron commander.

And here is a list of decorations he is authorized to wear, although he has not received all of them as yet:

Silver Star, Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Chinese Wings and American Volunteer Group Insignia, five awards from China including the Chinese Cloud Banner, which is the highest award granted by that government.

Although of slight build, Major Sawyer is something of an outdoorsman. In school he participated in football and basketball, and his hobbies include hunting and fishing. The director of flying is unmarried.

Officer Student Married In Chapel Ceremony

At ceremonies in the post chapel last Saturday Miss Pearl Wolcott of Santa Rosa, Calif., became the bride of Lt. Blair Ericson of Salt Lake City, Utah. Chaplain Dwight E. LaFollette officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. C.M. Wolcott of Santa Rosa and is a graduate of Santa Rosa High School. Her husband is a graduate of the University of Utah.

Witnesses were Lts. Phileman R. Merrill and Lauren S. Erickson, both of Sq. T, Chico Army Air Field.

THAT EXTRA LOAD

The U.S. Air Force evacuated 18,000 sick and wounded from the African theater; ferried 17,000 from New Guinea jungles to Port Moresby. Had planes used lower octane fuel, 30 per cent of those men could not have been moved.

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Oroville Heard From For First Time

By S/Sgt Bobby Hardcastle

Oroville AAF—At long last, Squadron O, located at Oroville on the Feather, creeps into print like Jiggs on Saturday night, under the wrathful gaze of Maggie personified by Ye Ed. Spare the rolling pin just this once, kind sir, and we'll promise to toe the deadline hereafter, even for evermore.

Some of us are wondering why they made us O Squadron, instead of giving us some other letter. But after seeing the blank looks of some of the Chico inspectors that were down here recently, I think I know why.

We've been doing a good deal of house cleaning and renovation the past few weeks under the practiced hands of utilities lads Russ Ostertag and Art Potts, assisted by Holly Oxfod. The colonel was down to visit us last week and mentioned when he saw our newly reconditioned orderly room that he'd like to move his office down here. And Lt. Ward, our CO, says that he feels like saluting HIMSELF everytime he enters his own office.

Our boy Salty Sultz nearly sprained his ankle the other day. Apparently he opened his mouth so wide he stuck his foot in it. It seems he overdid the patronizing act on a couple of Looeys from Chico when they visited our town. When he told them how comfy the Oroville gals are, whom did they proceed to date out but his OWN GIRL! Are you in the market for a good padlock for that yap of yours, keed?

The sporting blood flows free in the veins of lots of our boys. Sometimes it runs a little rampant. Like when our ever-lovin' 1st Sgt, Zombie "Is it Alive" Hendrickson, just naturally partook of a little harmless amusement with a shotgun and wound up with a couple of cock pheasants over his shoulder. The only catch is that a Hawkshaw game warden objected strenuously to his possessing the birds. Ah well, you needed a week's rest anyway, Sarge.

DINNER GIVEN

An appreciation dinner given by the Officers' Club in behalf of the enlisted men was attended by a goodly gathering of dogfaces and their girlfriends, wives and other guests on Sunday, the 30 of April. Serving of food was conducted by the Sergeants (wonder who's idea THAT was?) And a splendid meal it was, too, prepared under the supervision of Mess Sgt Jack LeMaster.

Hats off to the Officers' Club. I forgot to mention that afer the dinner we showed the film "The Last of the Mohicans" in the Post Theater. Gee, I hear that next week we're getting "The Birth of a Nation." That's if we're lucky . . .

Protestant Chapel Service Set For 0930 Tomorrow

Because of the transfer of Chaplain Dwight E. LaFollette, protestant services at the post chapel tomorrow morning have been moved up to 0930 instead of the usual time.

Taking his place with a Mother's Day service will be Rev. Harris Pillsbury of the Bidwell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Chico, who has kindly volunteered to fill in for the emergency.

The subject of his services will be "An Old Testament Mother."

Chhaplain LaFollette was transferred to the Tonopah, Nevada, Army Air Field of the Fourth Air Force.

Wishful Thinking Gets Results in Italy

First Sergeant Marvin J. Heine of Elm Mott, Texas wasn't having much success in his efforts to "borrow" a cigarette, and he wanted one badly.

He was tired and grimy after a strenuous trip to the front lines in Italy, and the fact that an air raid was under way in the vicinity of his company's bivouac didn't detract in the least from his desire for tobacco.

"I sure wish I had a cigarette," he repeated. "Hasn't anybody got a . . ."

A familiar screaming noise drowned out his words. The burst came so fast he had no chance to move for cover, and so close that he expected to find only a large crater where his company had been moments before.

But, when he had opened his eyes, the scene was unchanged – – except for five packages of cigarettes lying invitingly almost at his feet. A barracks bag in which they had been stored was the lone casualty from the enemy bomb.

"It's an ill wind . . . . . he began, lighting up.

Sergeant Heine's wife, Mrs. Faye Heine, and his mother, Mrs. Katy Heine, both live at Elm Mott.

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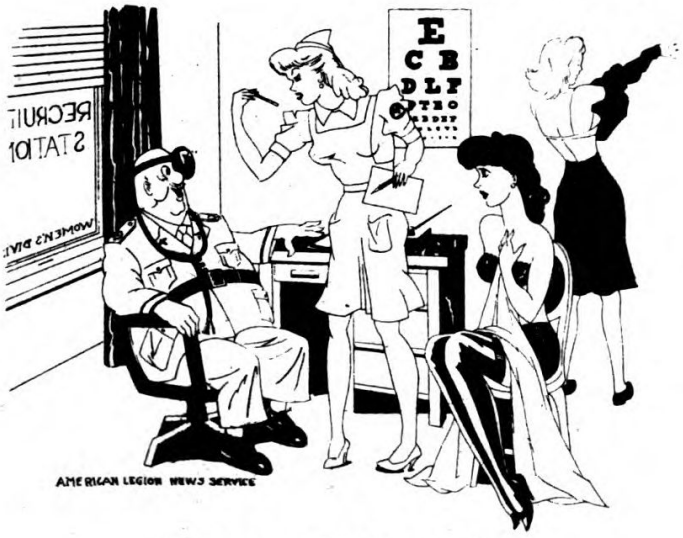
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"Hello there, Shorty!"



"Nurse! Better Take My Pulse, Too."













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NCO Club in Town Planned

Long the dream of non-coms at Chico Army Air Field, plans for an NCO club in town appears in the process of crystallizing this week.

At a meeting called Tuesday in the post theater, 1st Sgt Joseph W. Bailey outlined his investigations of a site on West Second Street, above the American Theater. These quarters formerly were occupied by the Chico Elks Club.

In calling the meeting, 1st Lt. Harold W. Hughes, Jr., custodian of the NCO Club fund, said that many members had approached him regarding the establishment of a club in town.

(An unofficial survey shows approximately half of the field's NCOs are authorized to reside off the post.)

1st Sgt Bailey told the gathering that it long has been recognized that the present club, located far from the center of the field, was inadequate for those living off the post, those living in barracks at the south end of the field, and that it merely duplicated the facilities of the PX and tap room.

One factor must be present before plans can be completed, he reported

And that is complete support of the NCOs in behalf of the project. If questionnaires, to be returned today, show a very substantial majority in favor, then plans will progress further.

A committee investigated the site this week, and found that the rooms, although in need of renovating, provide room for a bar, game rooms, kitchen, large dance floor, and several utility rooms.

The committee, after the investigation, stressed that a great amount of hard work will be necessary, and a fairly large outlay of money will be necessary if the site is to be made into a satisfactory club.

THAT EXTRA PUNCH

A few weeks ago, approximately 1250 American planes struck a near paralyzing blow against Berlin. Had those planes been using 87-Ocane gasoline the reduction in bomb loads and fighting power would have been equivalent to leaving at least 325 planes on the ground.

Three New Flyers For Squadron A

Squadron A, which has done such a good job in landscaping its area with both grass and trees, feels that it now has achieved the ultimate in such projects.

Not only have the trees grown and thrived in most cases, but one of our feathered friends was induced to nest in one of the poplars near the supply room.

And now the squadron has acquired three feathery mascots which aren't even dry behind the ears yet. First Sgt. Kuchinski, who does not claim to be an expert on such matters, things they are swallows.

At any rate, the angry mother puts on a good imitation of a P-39 with a shot of marihuana when any one approaches the nest.

Dance Follows USO Show Tonight In Gymnasium

Tonight following the USO Camp show in the gymnasium, there will be a dance, with the USO providing partners. Music will be by the Wings of Swing.

Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock the free movie is "Forever and a Day" with Charles Laughton and Merle Oberon. On May 28, it will be "Lloyds of London" with Tyrone Power.

The USO also now has tennis raquets and golf clubs which may be borrowed by soldiers. Reservations must be made in advance.

Meanest Man In Alaska

Alaska (CNS)—Mess Sgt Ralph W. Miller is known as the Simon Legree of this area. He parks lazy KPs behind the hot cook stove until they signify that they are ready to go to work.

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Sea-Air Rescue Taught Trainees

A sharp hissing sound broke over the gurgling and lapping of miniature waves, and an egg shaped yellow object blossomed suddenly on the surface of the south swimming pool.

The anxious trainee who wasn't much of a swimmer broke into a broad grin, and soon he was comfortably floating in one of the Army Air Forces' latest one man life rafts, full of confidence in the compact device to save pilots forced down at sea.

That was only part of the program, he found out.

It's called the Air-Sea rescue program, and every trainee going through Chico Army Air Field now will get four hours of it.

Directed by 1st Lt. Charles F. Bane, personnel equpment officer, and assisted by 2nd Lt. Samuel L. Lang, the course includes everything from simulated parachute jumps into the sea, to a practical understanding of each device and its function.

FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

All devices are peculiar to fighter aircraft, and include such life savers as the old reliable Mae West, the rubber life raft (that's where some of your unobtainable inner tubes are going, motorists), and containers of water, emergency rations, and other items.

Painted a bright chrome yellow on top to attract friendly aircraft, they are blue on the bottom and when overturned with a flip of the wrist have the opposite effect on hostile planes.

Dropping down to the pool one afternoon, we watched Lt. Bane demonstrate the entire process, beginning with a jump from the diving platform which simulated the last few feet of a parachute descent.

At the point of contact with the water the chute is left and the Mae West is immediately inflated. He isn't long coming to the surface, and there a quick pull on the release valve fills the raft, which is attached to a "D" ring on the Mae West and therefore cannot float away.

Then comes the approach, and it's got to be done just right, as the picture in the insert section will show.

Once you get in the raft, and get settled back, bail out the water, drop anchor and a few other items such as covering the whole thing with your unzipped flying suit, along comes an enemy plane.

You're not sure he has seen you yet, so the pilot flips the raft over on its back, which is painted blue to match the ocean, and remains a pretty hard to see target. Upon turning the raft over the pilot goes under the raft and remains in the air space between the surface of the water and the top of the raft.

Other subjects included in the short course are illnesses apt to occur, how to overcome them, and the complete background of the mechanism of the various pieces of equipment. Methods of rescue in the various war theaters are discussed.

However, anent the diving platform, Lt. Bane is considering a mockup plane at the edge of the pool from which the pilot can jump, simulating an emergency bail-out over water, getting the feel of a parachute jump, clearing the chute into the water using his Mae West and life raft.

Lt. Bane studied at the Aviation School of Medicine at Randolph Field, graduated from the Personnel Equipment Officers School, and while at the AAF Materiel Command, Wright Field, Ohio, aided in developing some of the life saving devices.

Lt. Lang is just back from AAFTAC, Orlando, Fla., where he underwent the entire personnel equipment officers course and its many ramifications out in the ocean, sometimes 30 miles from shore.

The average pilot doesn't go aloft with the idea of ditching his craft in the ocean, but if it happens, that old life raft, Mae West and the CAAF training will sure come in handy.

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Sample copies of Armed Forces Institute courses are available at the Post Library.

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Sq. "D" The North End Kids

By Sgt. A. H. Tumbrink

The stalwart sons of Squadron D went down to defeat at the hands of Squadron A Monday night 3-0. Need we say more? But there will come a day: how about it, men?

Sunday, getting up in the cold grey dawn we sleepily stumble into the dark recesses of the truck after having wolfed our morning chow. Then away to the mountains to catch the finny beauties. We started out in good fettle, then we were stopped, due to the fallen monarchs of the forests that blocked our way and forced us to detour over trails that would have been both the despair and wonder of the average tourist and would have made a swell set for "The Winning of Winsome Winnie of Wild Creek."

But nothing daunted our drivers, and after hours of jouncing and bouncing we heard the cry "bail out," and the invasion was about to start.

So, armed with fly rods and flies, we took the stream by storm and beat and whipped the water unmercifully. They just weren't having any, even though we did offer them such a delicacy as salmon eggs dyed red so they would be sure to see them. Some of them were not so particular and were lured to their doom, and nice ones they were, too. But despite the fact most of us returned only with our flyrods and an appetite, we all had a swell time and are looking forward to try our skill once more.

We are all glad to see the reopening of that "haven of the late riser and Zombie," the Sad Sack Snackery.

We are sorry to hear that Lt. Hemminger and Warrant Officer Pierson are leaving us, and wish them au revoir and good luck.

Chapel Services

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CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800; Confessions at 0730.
Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship at 0930

Squadron A News

By Sgt. Charles A. Helmer

When it comes to cleaning up around the barracks Pfc. Cunningham is quite the guy. Cunningham is up at the crack of dawn and cleaning out the shower room before any of the other fellows have even opened one eye. Take it easy, Cunningham, or you will develop a bad case of "dishwater hands."

Seen sipping a few beers in a local "pub" the other night was Sgt. Bill Carpenter. It seems that Bill likes hard boiled eggs with his beer because I think he ate about a dozen of them before calling it a night.

Did anyone notice S/Sgt. Bill Carah at the baseball game this past Sunday? Bill was there doing a swell job of bringing a play by play description of the game . . . I think it would have been a darn good game if the elements hadn't decided to play tricks on us.

S/Sgt. Stryker is still working "eight days a week" and I think maybe we could arrange to pay him a little overtime or time and a half. I don't think he is losing any more hair but maybe he better slow down just a bit . . . just in case.

Every morning as I open an eye and look out of the old sack I see a human streak of lightning go by. No, it isn't Dagwood making the bus, it's just Cpl. Sindell trying to get under the wire before the mess hall closes.

Saw Sgt. George Miller at the USO the other night running the movie. George does a swell job and I think maybe after the war if things get bad he can always try a new trade—that of being a projectionist.

Quite a few of the fellows from the Quartermaster department of Squadron A were at the Oaks Hotel the other night having a 'song fest." Sure did have some barbershop harmony . . . also an audience!

Every time I go into town I run into Cpl Gehr. Wonder what the big attraction is that draws friend Gehr into town so often??

Sgt. Morgal and Sgt. Tatosian got all spic and span the other night and went into town with only one thought in mind, that of going to the dance. After arriving in town the two Sgts. mentioned found that they had gotten their dates mixed up a bit and there was to be no dance. They say they immediately came home but I am inclined to believe they visited a couple of local bars instead.

So long!

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Baseball Team Looks Good In Opener

Even though rain did wash out the season's opening game at Memorial Field in Chico last Saturday, followers of the sport at CAAF can take heart in that our outfit looked like a fine ball club in its brief appearance.

At the end of two drenched innings the game with the Western Signal Corps School at Davis was stopped with Manager Charley Henson's boys out in front by 2 to 1.

Although a fielding lapse by Right Fielder Eddie Driscoll let in one run, our lads had things in control, and were hitting the apple hard, and were on the way to adding more runs when the rains came.

This afternoon the Flyers tangle with Camp Beale on Memorial Field again at 2:30, and with another tilt scheduled with te 81st Division lads tomorrow aafernoon. Both games are free to G.I. and the general public alike.

Col. A.W. Tyer, commanding officer, not only tossed the first ball, but gave Mayor E.R. Bevins of Chico, who was first batter, a full two and three count. Then the Colonel forced Hizzoner to ground out weakly to second base.

Manager Henson and Catcher Ernest Bauers provided the hitting punch, but the greatest play of the short game was turned in by Cpl Charley Keller, center fielder for the Flyers, who made a terrific one handed catch near the center field wall in the second inning.

Cpl Charles Honors, a port sider, started for the Flyers, and likely will draw an assignment either today or tomorrow. S/Sgt Marshal Brummitt, an experienced hurler, is on DS for a while and won't be available this week.

Major Freeman, Lt. Smith Leave for Washington

Two officers who have been stationed at this post for some time left this week for new assignment at Moses Lake Army Air Field, Washington.

They included Major Joseph W. Freeman, former CO of Squadron B, who came here with the activation of the post in April, 1942, and 1st Lt. Hudson K. Smith, assistant S-2 officer.

Captain J. W. Donaldson, B Squadron adjutant, has been named CO.

Business Man Donates Trophy for Softball

We knew that the CAAF softball league had some enthusiastic followers, both soldier and civilian, but until now none of them had come forward with the offer of a trophy for the winning team.

That is, until this week.

For Albert Wallace, proprietor of Al's Place on Lassen Avenue and Highway 99-E, went out on his own hook and purchased a fine 20 inch golf trophyy depicting a softball batter about to slug one.

It will be given with appropriate ceremonies at the conclusion of the present season. The trophy is on display at his place of business.

Link Trainer Operator Here Wins Award at AAF Instrument School

AAF INSTRUMENT INSTRUCTORS' SCHOOL, BRYAN, TEXAS—T/Sgt. Roland J. Pfaendtner, a Link Trainer operator at CAAF has completed the Instrument Trainer Instructor's Course at Bryan Field, Tex. As a reward for high scholarship during the eight weeks of the course, he was made a member of the school's "Upper 10 Club." The ten men having the highest grades in each class are made members of this club.

T/Sgt. Pfaendtner is attached to the Link Trainer Department at Chico Army Air Field. He is the son of Mrs. Josephine Pfaendtner of 4121 Fischer St., Detroit, Michigan.

The Instrument Trainer Instructors' Course is an advanced school where the men are taught the latest instrument flying procedures as they apply to the ground or Link Trainer. The principal activity of the field is the Instrument Pilot Instructors' School, where commissioned fliers are taught the new "full panel" system of instrument flying.

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1st Lt.Phil R.McMills, above, is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross during ceremonies on the post parade grounds last Saturday. Col.A.W. Tyer is shown pinning the cross on Lt.McMills' blouse.

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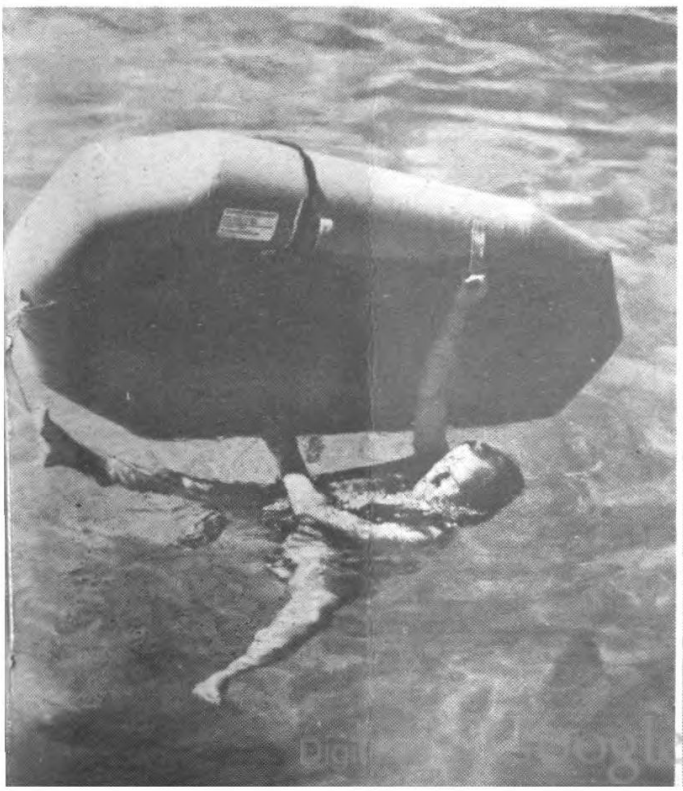


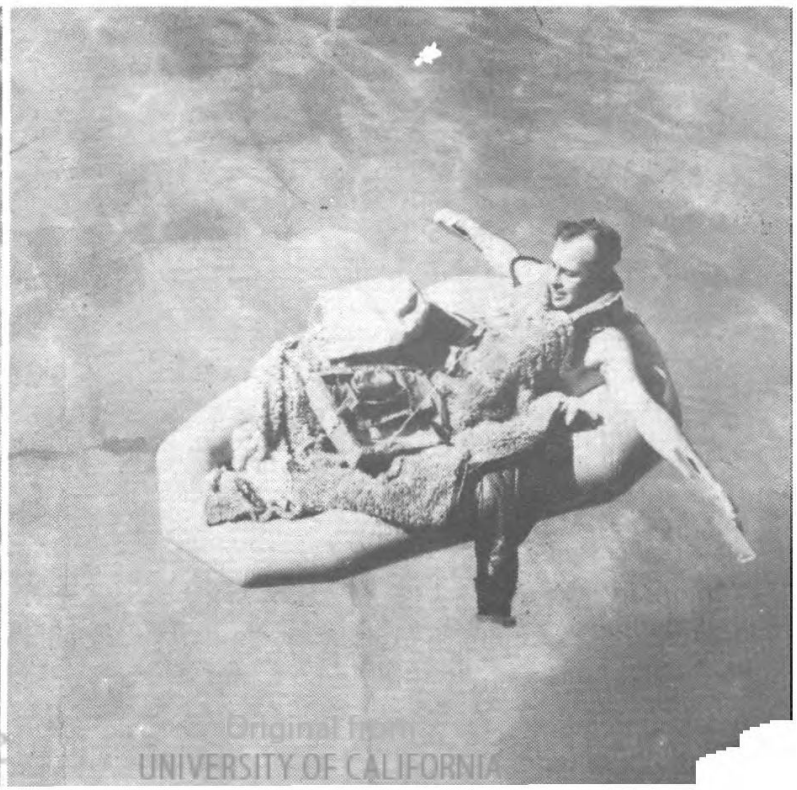
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iven officer students here includes what to do in case bailing out over water is n
st Lt.Charles F.Bane, personal equipment officer (at right of group) is telling th
man life raft which is attached to their parachutes. Kneeling is 2nd Lt.Samuel L.
al equipment officer. Lower left, Lt.Bane demonstrates at the south pool how to e
. Center, below, he shows how to ditch and overturn the raft upon approach of hos
right, he demonstrates how to ride in the raft, covered with his flying suit as pro
Upper, a group of trainees try it out themselves.





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This shapely miss is Marsha Stewart of RKO, who embellishes Sinatra's second movie with her good looks and stuff. There always was something we liked about white, two piece bathing suits.

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USO Show "Say When" Tonight in Gym

If you find that the cash is running a little short about this time of month, there'll be plenty of free entertainment on the post tonight.

Heading the bill is the USO Camp Show "Say When" which is a comedy-musical bound to please any G. I. audience. It has music, comedy and some snappy dancing.

In the latter department we have Beauteous Eve Matthews, who as the accompanying photo discloses, is quite a shapely lass. And her acrobatic dancing is supposed to be as good as her figure.

Another of the features is done by the Garri Girls, a dance line from the West Coast which although fairly new to show business, have entertained thousands of service men in west coast army camps.

Some of the girls were models before entering the troupe, and one even sold flowers in a night club. They do boogie woogie in short costume, as well as a cowgirl routine.

Others in the cast include the musical Johnstones, a xylophone act with a real musical background, and Emmett Oldfield and Company, a two person comedy acrobatic act which recently appeared with Bob Crosby's Band.

Kenneth Emerson Nash is musical director and pianist for the show. As usual, the entertainment is open to military personnel and their families.



Camera Group Meetings To Be Held Every Wednesday Night

Entertaining and educational meetings for camera enthusiasts will be held each Wednesday at 7 P.M. in the post library, with a wide variety of subjects scheduled for coverage. All military personnel on the post are invited to attend.

Pfc John Coad of Squadron B, who has wide experience in photography, will discuss from time to time such subjects as lenses, films, filters, Kodachrome, printing papers and enlarging, dark rooms, development of film and papers, formulae, covering all photo solutions, copying and slides.

A limited amount of equipment is available for G.I. use.

MASONIC LODGE

Activities of the Chico Lodge No. 111, F. & A.M. in which many CAAF soldiers are interested, are announced as follows:

Tuesday, May 23, third degree; Friday, May 26, second degree.

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D.F.C. Awarded to CAAF Instructor

"For heroism while participating in aerial flight . . ."

That's the way the citation reads which awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross to 1st Lt. Phil R. McMills of San Mateo, Calif., a flight commander at Chico Army Air Field.

Presentation of the decoration was made last Saturday by Col. A. W. Tyer, post commander, during a retreat on the parade grounds.

Lt. McMills was a P-40 pilot in the Mediterranean theater of operations at the time mentioned in the citation. He already has been awarded the Air Medal and nine oak oak leaf clusters, and has flown 80 combat missions.

While leading his flight of four P-40s on fighter patrol over the Salerno area on 14 September 1940, according to the citation, Lt. McMills observed ten FW-190's beginning their bombing run over our ships near the beach.

Immediately turning his flight into the enemy aircraft, he forced them to shorten their run, so that all bombs fell short of the targets.

"Diving on the hostile leader," the citation reads, "Lt. McMills shot him down with one short burst, and then teamed with his wing man in the probable destruction of a second."

Lt. McMills then reformed his flight and dispersed the remaining German fighters before they had an opportunity to strafe the beach. After damaging two others deep in enemy territory, he then broke off combat only when ordered by his controller to return and resume control.

The CAAF flight commander also is credited with destruction of one JU88 during the Sicilian campaign.

His wife, Mrs. Margaret Jane McMills, resides in San Mateo.

Three Promotions

Three CAAF officers donned the twin silver bars of captain this week.

They included Charles B. Allen and Harold D. Hoover, flyers, and Michael L. Backowske, assistant dental surgeon.

GIs Get Voting Data On 19 Primaries

Nineteen states in the nation will hold primaries in late July and August.

These states are Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Kansas, Kenucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi (second primary), Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, South Carolina (first primary), Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Five of these states make no provision for voting in the primaries. In the other 14 the WD post card (WD AGO Form 560) may be used either as an application for a ballot or a request for the special application form furnished by the states. The new War Ballot Commission postcard forms (WD Circular 128, Par. 1, Sec. XI) probably won't be ready for distribution in time for these primaries.

If servicemen are unable to get any postcard form, they may apply by letter, using the text that will be on the new cards as it is given in Circular 128. These applications should bear the distinctive markings and the appropriate air mail markings as described in WD Circular 155, Section I.

Service men are urged to remember to put their party affiliation on applications for state absentee ballots. Names and serial number should be printed on the WD postcard or the letter sent in its place.

Some states require voters to take additional steps in order to qualify to vote in the primary. Anyone uncertain about his eligibility should write to the secretary of state of his home state giving the date of his birth, the number of years he has lived in the state, and his voting district (to the best of his knowledge).

Admiral Helps Wave Lug Her Luggage

Norfolk, Va. (CNS)—A young Wave struggled up the street under the heavy burden of a bunch of suitcases and parcels when an elderly man went to her assistance and carried the suitcases.

"Thank you," she said. "Are you a retired navy man?"

"Yes," he said.

"Former chief?"

"No," he said, "admiral."

It was Rear Adm. Guy H. Burrage, USN, retired.

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Major Marth Wins Air Medal Award

Recognition to Major Hugh J. Marth, director of supply and maintenance at Chico Army Air Field, for his part in the historic mass flight of B-17s from Hamilton Field to Hickam Field in Hawaii in May, 1941, came this week.

In War Department General Order Number36, dated May 1, 1944, award of the Air Medal to Major Marth, a master sergeant at the time of the flight, was announced.

Major Marth was at that time chief engineer for the flight, and remained for some time in Hickam Field as an engineering instructor before returning to March Field.

The citation reads:

"By direction of the President, under the provisions of executive order No. 9158, 11 May, 1942, an Air Medal was awarded by the War Department to the following named officers, warrant officer, and enlisted men for meritorious achievement while participating in the first mass flight of B-17s from Hamilton Field, San Rafael, California, to Hickam field, Hawaii as members of a combat crew on 12 and 13 May, 1941. This flight of the 19th Bombardment Group (H) was te pioneer flight from the mainland to Hawaii upon which future operations of land-based aircraf: were developed. The mission was accomplished in the face of adverse winds which necessitated a flight of maximum duration. The combined efforts of each crew resulted in the safe arrival of all airplanes involved in the flight. These services reflect highest credit on the military forces of the Unted States.

"Major Hugh J. Marth, O-471932 (then master sergeant) Air Corps, United States Army."

Presentation will be made this afternoon at 1730.

Oroville Boys Battle Hotel Conflagration

By Sgt Leonard C. Jarvis

UNSUNG HEROES!!!

Oroville—It was early in the morning of the 12th day of May, that our CQ at the dispensary was awakened out of a sound sleep by the insistent jangling of the phone in the hall. Upon answering he found it to be his excited wife who was worried about her baby boy asleep in his crib. The reason for her anxiety was soon learned; Oroville was going up in Smoke! The famous old Union Hotel was already demolished and the blaze was rapidly spreading all over the block.

Th excited CQ lost no time in notifying our CO, Lt. Ward, of the catastrophe taking place in the town. The report was verified by the City Police who informed us that they needed fighting men in large quantities to battle the flames. Lt. Ward thought fast, and proceeded to rout all the men on the post. Our valient little crew of officers and enlisted men mounted the waiting trucks and were soon at the scene of the roaring inferno.

Like a veteran, Lt. Ward took charge of his men, and soon there were strong able-bodied GI'S handling nearly very hose in sight. When I say GI'S, I mean officers as well as enlisted men. You should have seen Lt. Sloane, our weather offic:! He wields a wicked fire hose and has unlimited quantities of endurance. He along with our smoke blackened boys fought all night and the better part of the following day. Like good Fourth Air Force men, they accomplished their mission—"Nothing Can Stop The Army Air Corps!!"

Restriction is up Zombie: Little mans what now?

Sale of "Blue Beetle" proves to much strain on our P.X. man "Bombardier."

Deadline Time. Bye Now.

Fifth War Loan Drive June 1

Once again there will be a concentrated effort to Back The Attack with War Bonds as the Fifth War Loan gets under way June 1, according to Lt. Harriett Orvis, post war bond officer.

Lt. Orvis asked that all military personnel who haven't done so to take out a Class B allotment for bods from their pay, or those who have to increase the present allotment.

We may be in the army, and helping out some in the war effort, but Chhico Field is a long way from the malaria of the South Pacific, or theh mud of Italy. And most of us can afford bonds without any hardship.

Detroit (CNS)—Kay Syracuse, an actress, had a good reason to steal her girl friend's mink coat she told police. "She swiped my boy friend," Kay said. "So I copped her coat."

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Softball League Standings

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
Hdqtrs.	1	0	1.000
Medics	1	0	1.000
Sub Depot	1	0	1.000
Sq. B	1	0	1.000
Sq. D	0	1	.000
Transport.	0	1	.000
Brown Bom.	0	1	.000
Officers	0	1	.000
Link Train.	0	0	.000
Robbers	0	0	.000

Results, including Wednesday's games:

Headquarters 3, Sq. D 0
Medics 13, Transportation 0
Sq. B 5, Officers 3.
Sub Depot 8, Brown Bombers 1
Robbers vs Link, postponed.

Seattle (CNS)—"Lets have some more peanuts and ice cream," said one of two small children enjoying an afternoon at the ball park. "Mom says we can get as sick as we want to."

Upsets Feature Softball Loop

With some of the so-called weaker teams showing surprising strength, the CAAF Softball League got under way this week with a couple of close games, and a pair of walkaways.

In the seasons opener Bob Stephens of Headquarters set the Sq. D ten down with a single blow, and cracked out three himself to lead his outfit to a 3-0 victory. Then the Medics walked all over the Transportation team, winning easily 13-0, with Olinghouse the winning pitcher.

Tuesday night the Officers got a surprise and a bomb on the chin when Sq. B eked out a 5-3 decision. Johnson and Barnes formed the winning battery, while Lt. Howells tossed for the Officers. Capts. Hoover and Bell were receivers.

With Remy Bally whipping them over in fast style, the Sub Depot outfit proved too much for the Brown Bombers, with the final score being 8-1.

Rain caused postponement of the Robber-Link Trainer and Sq. D vs Transportation contests.

At the Post Library

NEW BOOKS

Among current best-sellers recently received by the Post Library are:

FICTION: "Strange Fruit," by Lillian Smith; "Canape-Vert" by Pierre Marcelin; "Royal Game," by Stephen Zweig; "Life and Death of Little Joe," by Robert Bright; "Bedford Village," by Hervey Allen; "Shore Leave," by Wakeman; "Razor's Edge," by Somerset Maugham; "The Outsider," by Cleaton; "Mahogany," by Segre; "Jitter Run," by Germann; "Bell for Adano," by John Hersey.

NON-FICTION. "Here Is Your War," by Ernie Pyle; "Curtain Rises," by Quentin Reynolds; "Standing Room Only," by Elizabeth Fowler; "You're Only Human Once," by Grace Moore; "Unfinished Business," by Harry Bonsal; "I Was Hitler's Doctor," by Krueger; "Gay Illiterate," by Louella Parsons.

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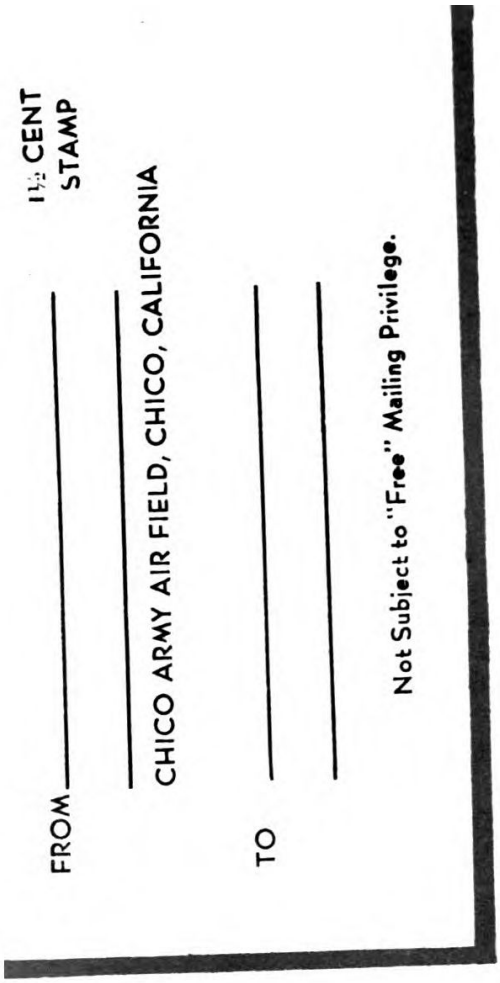
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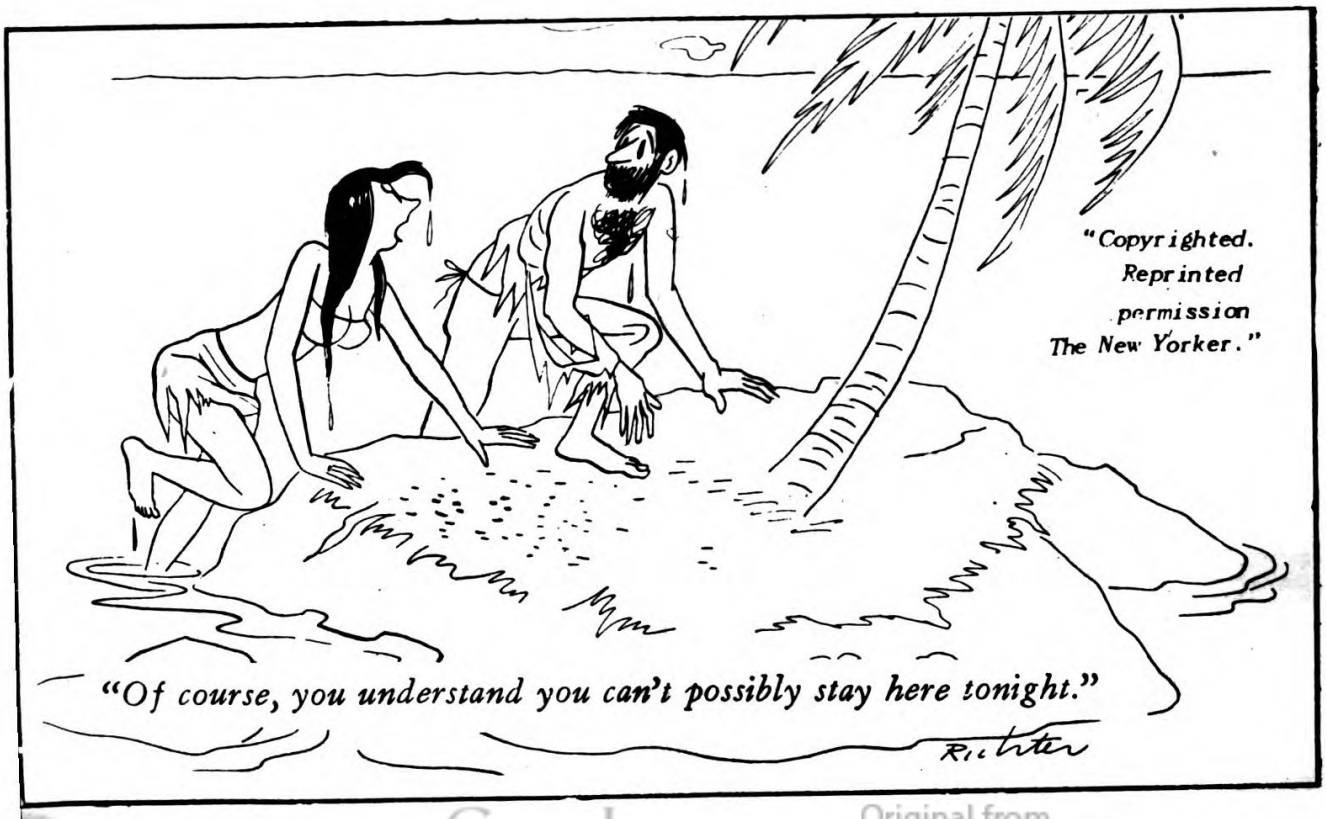
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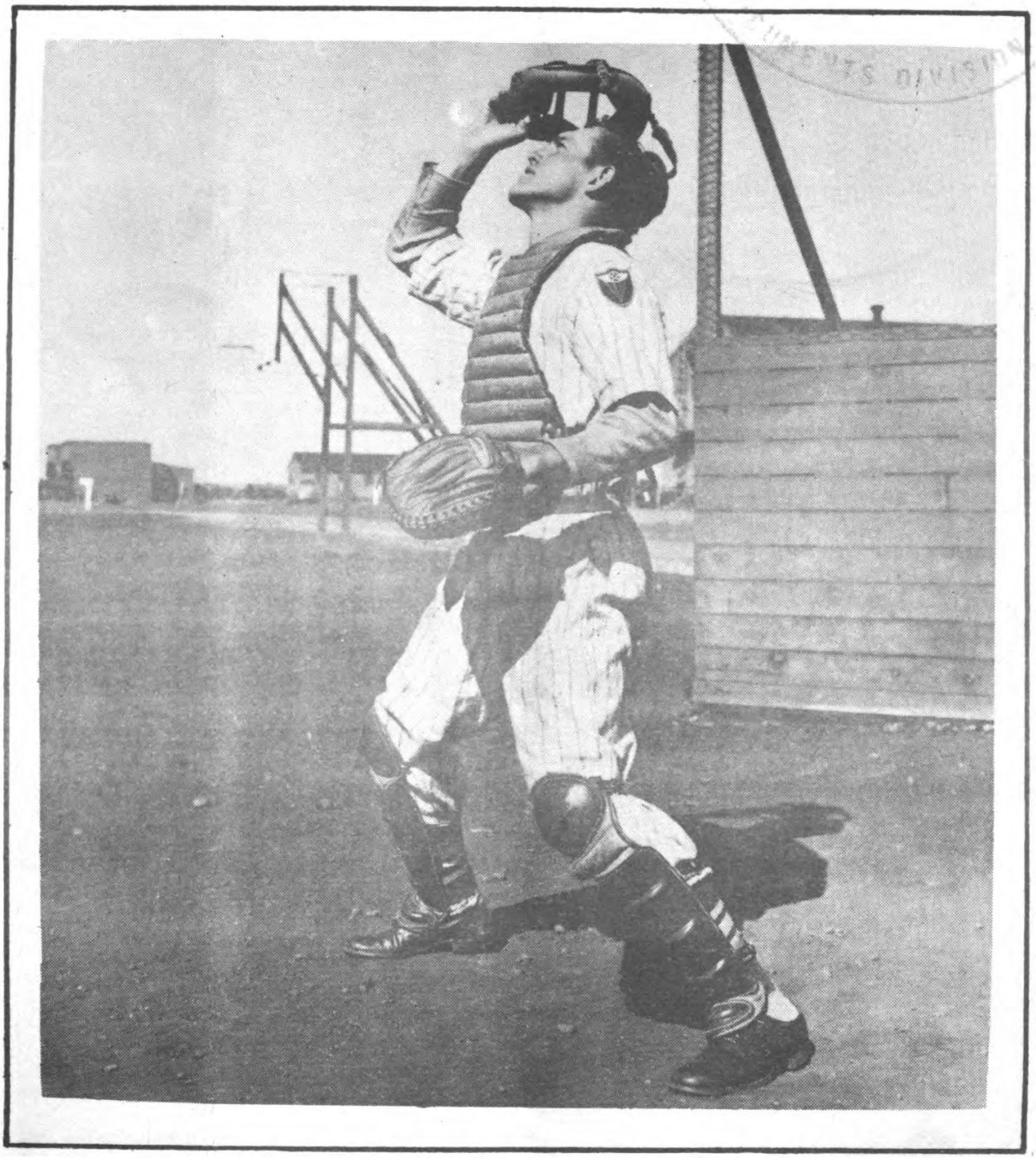
"He tried to pin something on me yesterday—but I decorated him instead!"



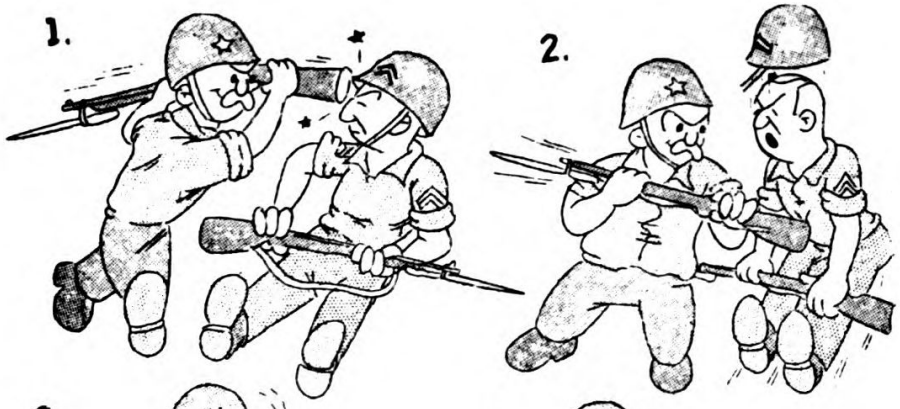
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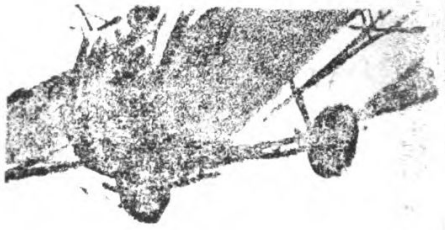
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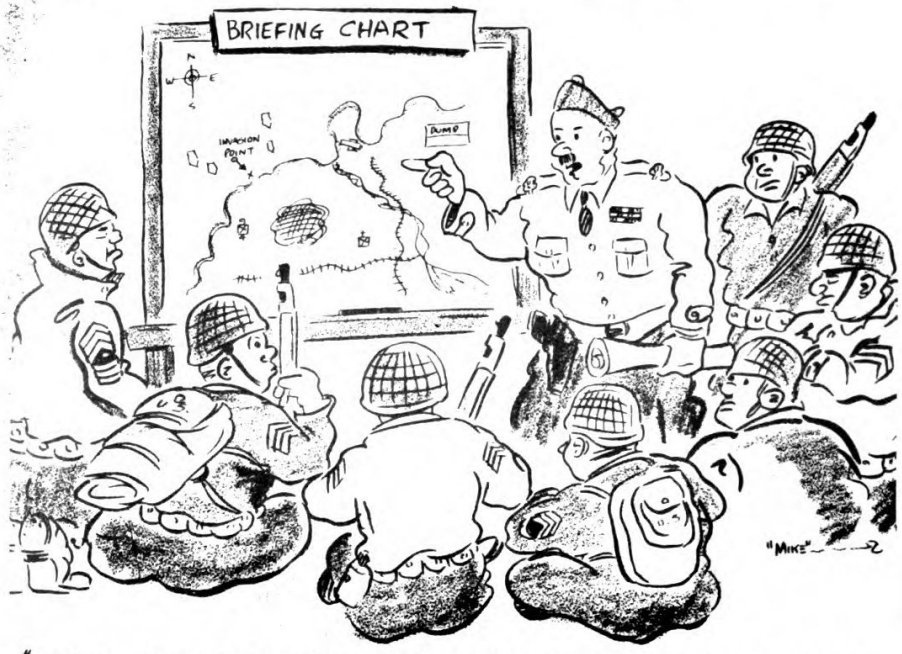




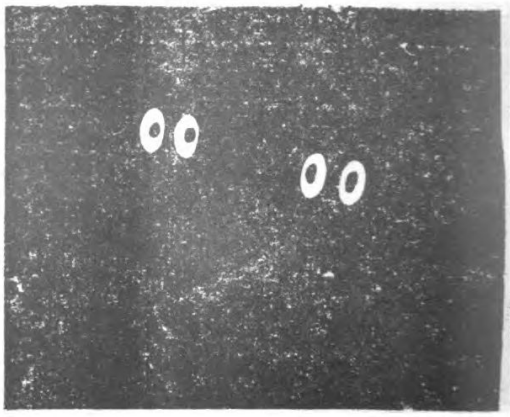




"I wonder why those gliders always whistle when they go over!"



"AND IN CONCLUSION GENTLEMEN, WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR INITIAL LANDING YOU'LL FIND THE COOKIE BRIGADE THERE TO GREET YOU WITH HOT COFFEE AND APPLE STRUDEL."



"I can't understand myself tonight, Miss Blurp. I'm afraid I've lost my killer instinct!"

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Major Kirsch in First Raid on Rabaul

By SGT H.M.ENGEL

It is somewht difficult to picture the shy and reserved deputy director of operations at Chico Army Air Field as a daring P-38 pilot in the first massed Fifth Air Force raid on Jap held Rabaul. Yet Major Laurence M. Kirsch is that very man. He has been in the thick of things since the first day of the Pacific war.

Stationed at Wheeler Field, Hawaii, and holding the grade of first lieutenant when the Japs staged their sneak attack, Major Kirsch was one of the few pilots able to get a ship into the air. Unfortunately, the Nipponese were well on their way back to their carriers and he had to wait for another day to bag his first Zero.

Transferred to Northern Australia in August of 1942, Major Kirsch joined the famed 49th Fighter Group en route to its new station, Port Moresby, New Guinea. The 49th, which has been cited by President Roosevelt for its action over Darwin, Australia, was a "mixed" group , composed of P-38s nd P-40s. The Major flew both types of ships and confided that he was one of the few AAF pilots who still had a soft spot in his heart for the old Curtis "War Hawk."

Remaining with the 49th until his return to the states at the end of 1943, he acted in the successive capacities of flight leader, squadron and group operations officer, and group executive officer. In this latter post he also performed the duties of group adjutant. This assignment, which required a certain amount of paper work, was not relished by the air-minded major.

Major Kirsch flew with the first fighter squadron to cross the treacherous Owen Stanley mountain range in New Guinea, where extremely dangerous cloud conditions prevail. He also pioneered bombing and strafing attacks on the Jap strong-holds of Madang, Le, Buna, and Rabaul.

During these many exploits he was officially credited with downing two Zeros.

Among his innumerable experiences at the front, there was one in particular which the Major considered as truly thrilling. Returning from a bombing-strafing mission, the squadron with which he was flying ran into foul weather and was forced to land on a grassy patch of jungle clearing not far distant from Buna.

Desperate Jap infantrymen, surrounded at Buna for days by rugged Australian jungle fighters, had broken through the Aussie lines, and sounds of shouting and firing were reaching the stranded airmen.

From time to time, receiving alarms of imminent ground attack, they had to take off and circle the field, while the Japs were held off by the Australian veterans. At last the weather cleared and squadron was able to head back to its home bse.

The major had a few things to say about Japanese aerial tactics. They fly excellent day-time bomber formations, delivering their loads with good accuracy, though tending to break formation once their leader has been eliminated. Jap Zero pilots who escort these bombers usually soar far above them, performing all sorts of aerial acrobatics, for no other purpose apparently, than to show off their skill and perhaps to worry the Americans with their strength of numbers. The Jap pilot,the Major explained, is mechanical in his actions, and plain "horse sense" plus superior American equipment will bring him down. One spot to approach cautiously in attacking the Nip bomber is the tail, which conceals an automatic cannon.

Major Kirsch offers a few valuable tips to trainee pilots who may, at some future date be engaged in aerial combat with the Japanese. This is what he says:

"While in actual combat, maintain a high rate of speed at all times. The Zero is a very maneuverable ship and may well get 'inside' of you.

"Be aggressive. It's the best defense.

"Keep your eyes open, they'll never get you if you see them first.

"Make certain of your range before firing at the enemy."

In connection with this last "tip," Major Kirsch tells the story of meeting two Zeros returning to their field after a run. As they hadn't spotted him, he circled about to their rear, and feeling certain of a kill, he opened up with 50 calibre tracers. Much to his dismay he saw the tracers fall short and two Japs turning on him, having discovered his unwelcome presence. The element of surprise removed, Major Kirsch found himself at the receiving end of Tojo's slugs. Fortun-

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Sq. "D" The North End Kids

By Sgt A.H. Tumbrink

Around Sq. D . . . Barbino covering left field Monday night like Stormy Weatherly of the Cleveland Indians. "Buck" Sturgis trying not to let the shapely spectator along the first base line interfere with his ball playing Monday night. Cpl Watenpaugh, V.L. Mitchhell, Pfc Salmon, Turnauer, Pvt Myllmaa, Raines and Howard contributing their time to the beautifying of our base mess hall. "Do you know your MOS?" It doesn't mean "Moon Over Shico" you know. Supply Sgt Simoni a casualty from the Oroville fire, taking a "visit" in the hospital.

5th War Loan Drive: For you guys who want to save a little extra money for that "Rainy Day" when you are back in civilian life ten years from now with a wife and a half dozen kids: The orderly room will have on hand War Bond applications for pay day. Just sign on the dotted line, give us the $18:75, and we will do the rest. We will also have on hand some War Saving Stamps for those who can't afford the $18:75. Bonds and stamps purchased this pay day will apply on the Fifth War Bond drive. How about it men? Let's make it 100 per cent participation.

The stalwart D's under the helm of Sgt "Buck" Sturgis, went gallantly down to defeat at the hands of the Medics at the Diamond Match ball park, last Monday evening. What a game for nine inning, no runs ad our pitcher "Change Pace" Porter allowed one hit to the Medics while we had four scattered ones. Then it happened in the tenth, when the Medics got hold of a couple, square on the nose.

Cpl Joe Loya had us all goggle eyed at the USO soiree Sat nite. Reason, well for one thing he had a very sinuous dancing partner one which gentlemen prefer, blonde, the other reason was that Joe was really cutting the rug; it waxed fast and furious. We were wondering who was going to wilt first, the damsel or Joe. She won, but she really got a workout.

Pfc Turnauer who doles out those clean white sheets that we like to sleep between, won a very coveted prize, a phone call home. We haven't heard what the latest was from the home front.

Cpl "Flash" Gordon blew in last week with tales of the "Big City." Tojo, the proud Mama of the six pups who were the attraction of all the men of this end of the field, was off her feed, but perked up when she saw "Flash." Now the two are inseparable. Where you see one you see the other.

What appeared to be an out of season snow storm proved to be an invasion of vest pocket addition grasshoppers known as leafhoppers so we were told. They took over everything, including the midnight mess. The "Ben Hurs" of the ramp, those intrepid drivers of sturdy tugs, were hard put to it to steer a clear course among the planes parked on the aprons.

Married Men of Sq. C To Hold Dance Tuesday

Tuesday night in the Recreation Hall on the post will be the first dance of its kind when married soldiers of Squadron C and their wives will be ente tained by the Special Services Department. Music will begin at 2030.

In addition to dancing to the music of the Wings of Swing, there will be sandwiches and soft drinks served, and door prizes offered.

On the committee are 1st Sgt Wayne Baker an Pvt Shinn, co-chairmen, Pvt W. Wood, decorations, and the following assistants:

Sgt Ferguson, Cpl Lewis, Cpl H. Williams, Cpl White, Pfc Ward, Pvt Parkson and Pfc E. Jones.

Major Kirsch . . .

ately, a cloud intervened and he was able to hide from the two Japanese eager-beavers. That was one mistake he never repeated!

Major Kirsch holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and has 130 combat missions to his credit. Returning to the United States in December of 1943, he was happy and proud to see his 21 months old baby daughter for the first time. At present the Major and his family are living in Chico.

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Air Medal Award To Be Made To Mother of Missing Staff Sergeant

Award of the Air Medal to Mrs. Minnie A. Morgan, of Woodleaf Star Route, Oroville, in behalf of her son, missing in action, will be made this afternoon at a post retreat ceremony.

Winner of the medal is T/Sgt Edwin T. Morgan, who saw service with the XII Troop Carrier Command.

The citation follows:

"For meritorious achievement while participating in a night aerial flight as a member of combat crews, in unarmed, unarmored and unescorted troop carrier aircraft, at an altitude of less than five hundred feet under adverse flying conditions. The skill and courage, the devotion to duty, exemplified by each individual contributed in a large degree to the successful dropping of paratroops over designated dropping zones and reflects great credit upon himself, the XII Troop Carrier Command, and the United States Army Air Forces."

The presentation will be made by Col. A. W. Tyer, commanding officer of Chico Army Air Field.

New Chaplain Arrives From Tonopah AAF

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Clare E. Tallman, who arrives this week from Tonopah, Nevada, Army Air Field to succeed Chaplain Dwight E. LaFollette, will hold his first service tomorrow at 1000 in the post chapel.

The new chaplain entered the army in August, 1943, and then spent five weeks at the Army School for Chaplains at Harvard University.

His first post was at Mountain Home, Idaho, Army Air Base as group chaplain with the 470th Bombing Group, which later was transferred to Tonopah. He went with the group to the desert base which he described as "pretty rough."

He remained at the Tonopah Field, which is over two hundred miles from the largest big town in any direction, from January to April of this year, and then came to Chico.

Chaplain Tallman is a 1932 graduate of Hanover, Indiana, College, and took his seminary work at the McCormack Theological Seminary in Chicago. He later took two years post graduate work at the University of Edinborough, Scotland.

Chaplain Tallman is single, and is living in the BOQ.

Six Officers, Men Score 90 Per Cent in PFR Tests

Six officers and men scored physical fitness ratings of 90, to lead all personnel of this base in the tests given recently by the P.T. department.

They included 1st Lt. D.W. MacMillian, a trainee, with 114 situps, 18 chins and 44 seconds in the run, and the following enlisted men:

Pfc Julius Kozma, 114, 24 and 47; Pfc Varise Fontenot, 114, 22 and 47; Cpl Robert Van Gundy, 114, 20 and 47; Sgt T.P. Oswald, 114, 25 and 50; andCpl Henry Bode, 100, 20 and 45

OTHER SCORES:

Officers (not trainees) . . . JWO Altamount A. Cole, 85; 2nd Lt. J.S. Seitz, 85; 1st Lt. H.G. Troutman, 81; 2nd Lt. F.A. Weyland, 81; 2nd Lt. D.D. McCloud, 81.

Trainees . . . Lt. MacMillian, 90; 2nd Lt. J.F. Grover, 81; 2nd Lt. R.F. Russell, 81; 2nd Lt.W.M. Longhurst, 81; 2nd Lt. M.G. Strange, 81.

GIVES AGE

In competing with the others, Sgt Oswald had to give away as much as 13 years in age. The sergeant, at 32, scored better in the test than some others at 19.

The scores were compiled by 1st Lt. F.L. Bartlett, physical fitness officer.

Incidentally, 81.3 per cent of those enlisted men based at CAAF made satisfactory scores, but the sub bases didn't do so well. Redding had 65.8 per cent, Marysville 53.9

Dodge City, Kans. (CNS)—The public library here is trying to get a reader to return a six-weeks' overdue book. Name of the tome: "The Art of Rapid Reading."

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Former Redding AAf Soldier Married

By Pvt William Pitts

Redding N Sq.—Sgt James Tate, former member of this field and Miss Gwyne Anderson of Redding were married in the home of Mss Anderson's mother with Judge Ross of Redding reading the vows. Cpl "Deacon" Konda w s Sgt Tates best man. The members of this field that attended the wedding were Pfc "Sherod" Hopkins, T/4 Phil Engle and Cpl Donald Whit . . . T/Sgt Harold L. Beck was back in Redding l st Sa urdsy night visiting friends and gi l friends . . . We are wondering if the Special Services Dept. of CAAF is going to release some of the fishing tackle they have on hand fo use at tis field??

It has been rumored around that Sgt "Rough-house" Davis has already made post war plans . . . he plans on buying a controlling interest in the "Blazers-Saturd y-Nite- Spot" . . . The Sarg says he is ti ed of seeing Ma Blazer making money head over heels thru his folly . . . "Rough-house" h s something there. I should try my hand at taking the "Shamrock" over . . . I've been a fool too.

Pfc Leroy V. Morgan came up with quite a problem recently . . . First of all he w s involved in a problem where he and his buddy Cpl Arthu Pribbenow would end up as father in law and son in l w respectively. The second mix-up came when the soldier of the first class was faced with another affair involving another friend Sgt Rudolph Edwards . . . The more recent affair would make Pfc Morgan and Sgt Edwards nephew and uncle . . . The boys tell me that Morgan is calling the Se geant of the second affair "Uncle Ed" . . . Amazing race of people these guys from Arkansas.

Just why are the girls in Redding calling our first soldier "Cupid"?? . . . Why does Cpl Leon Saracco like all of the girls from Oklahoma??? . . . S/Sgt Robert Huhnke is having a time with his boy Cpl William Jursick these days . . . It seems that Huhnke's boy can't see enough of something sweet in Redding . . . S/Sgt "Gremlin" Claggett and Sgt Ralph Van Dusen are highly in favor of Huhnke's boy and the said sweet thing of tying the proverbial knot . . . Our Mess Sgt is still wondering how he lost his pipe after visiting with Ma Blazer one Saturday night.

1st Sgt Robert O. Taunt tells me that our mess sergeant filed via the instrument flight rules that night . . . We fellows of barracks 13 were reminiscing the other night of incidents that happened at this field a year ago . . . it seems that Sgt Marvin Moore was the best topic of all the session . . . Sgt Moore had always looked forward during the week for a 24 hour pass on Sunday . . . Every Sunday morning the Sarg always had a smile for everyone and looked very spiffy and sharp in his cl ss "A" uniform going towards the Base Hqs. for his 24 hour pass . . . The Sergeant could always be seen returning down the road towards the camp area, still looking spiffy and sharp, with a carpenter's tool kit dangling from his side after a fifteen minute session in Hqs. What the Sgt had to say couldn t be printed in this article . . . The Redding A my Air Field's softball club is willing to play any team on a home and home basis . . . . providing our away from home games can be played on Saturday nights . . . Our first Sgt will consider all challenges.

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Flyers Win Second Camp Beale Game

After dropping their first complete game last Saturday with Camp Beale, the Chico Field baseballers came back with a vengeance Sunday to swamp the Infantry outfit 21-6. Score of the first game was 10-5, with the CAAF boys playing a ragged game.

The Bealiners got to Pitcher Al Decker for six runs on nine base hits in four and two thirds innings, and then nicked Bill Smith for three big ones in the ninth which iced the contest.

CLOSE GAME

Until that time it was close all the way. Manager Henson, with two safeties was the leading Chico hitter in the first game.

It was a different story in the second tilt, however. The game was scoreless until the last of the third when the Chicoites batted around for five runs. The big explosion of this inning was when Catcher Ernest Bauer doubled with the sacks loaded.

From then on it was murder, with 25 solid hits bouncing off the CAAF bats.

Centerfielder Ray Domroski got four, including a double and triple, Henson bagged four safeties, as did Shortpatcher George Gregory. Two of the latter's hits were doubles.

Bauer had three doubles, and drove in eight runs, while Gamble and Holliday had three blows apiece.

DOUBLE PLAYS

In addition the CAAFers turned in three double plays, one of them a nice catch by Domroski and a throw to first. The others were with Everson to Gamble to Henson, and Gamble, Gregory and Henson.

Charles Honors pitched the second tilt, allowing eight hits and keeping out of any serious trouble.

The short scores.

TEAM	R.	H.	E.
Beale	10	15	3
Chico Field	5	5	3

Batteries; Coats, Hunter and Hosey; Decker, Smith and McGlennon.

SECOND GAME

TEAM	R.	H.	E.
Beale	5	8	4
Chico Field	21	25	4

Batteries: Johnson, Mitche, Sullivan and Wills; and Honors and Bauers.

Corps of Engineers

Mrs. Norma Reed is a new addition to the Cost Accounting Dept. while Doris Townsend has been transferred to the stock room. Miss Townsend was elected to membership in the Stock Room by the five charter members, Mesdames Jeane Lichty, Thelma Lykins, Wanda Beachell, Norma Rubke, and Sgt B.M. Morgan. She was elated to learn that the ballot box contained a unanimous vote of five black balls, which attested to her popularity!

A letter from Versie Owens, formerly stationed with the Engineers, shows that he is stationed in North Africa at present. Another letter from Cpl Harold Hobson shows that he is in the South Pacific.

Cpl and Mrs. Willard Seifert are spending their furlough in Madison, Wisconsin.

Sgt Harry Bates . . . Brightening our day with one of hhis rare visits.

Sgt Ryan . . . Griping about the inventory.

Sgt Frank "Buck" Morgan took a valiant stand,
With a broom and a spray gun in either hand
He attacked the invasion force - alone - unafraid,
And with a mighty gusto, he sprayed—and he sprayed!
And with each roaring blast from the wide nosed gun,
More and more gnats were seen on the run.
Until at last, the office quite clear,
We saw Morgan standing, and still without fear!
But now as this article is shaping for press,
His fear has now mounted, and his courage is less.
He slaps at his face, runs his hands through his hair,
Making sure no varmints are lingering there!
He has quieted down since the deed is done,
And accepts with dignity the thanks he
But we each of us see the hope he is forming.
That he won't have to repeat the deed again in the morning.

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Close CAAF Softball Race Looms

Completion of the first full week in the CAAF Softball League saw some of the wildest and wooliest games in months, and also some tight, well played ones.

But it did see the Robbers up in the top spot as usual after the Headquarters ten had been knocked out of the undefeated class in a Donneybrook of wild playing, freak plays, situations calling for rule book lawyers, and some injuries.

The game was played Monday night, and the final score was 9-8, with the Officers coming from behind in the first of the seventh to take a two run lead. The Headquarters ten came back with one run, but Pitcher Bob Stephans flied to deep left to end the contest.

At one time the Hq. ten held a 4-1 lead, but ragged support killed their chances.

In another close one the Robbers barely edged out the Sub Depot Clippers 5-4 in an overtime inning. Pitcher Louie Ruben of the Robbers was wild and at one time before he was relieved the Clippers held a 4-1 advantage.

In their other victory Manager John Murry's men took the measure of the Link Trainers 3-1 in a contest which saw the final out with the tying runs on base for the Linkmen. Red Bruner was on the mound for the losers.

But the Redhead had a better night Thursday when he shut out Squadron B without a single blow, striking out 11 men.

Other games saw Headquarters defeating the Medics 4-2 in another thriller which wasn't decided until the final frame, as the Pill Rollers were stopped only by a nice double play turned in Gray, Hq. shortstop.

The Officers trimmed the Brown Bombers 8-6 in a loosely played affair, and in the second extra inning contest the Medics defeated Squadron D 3-0.

BEGINNING

All the runs came in the first of the tenth with a big explosion after Olinghouse had held the opposition scoreless. Peck singled and Harry Sturgis blasted a homer. Then Fleming tripled and was sacrificed home for the third counter. In their half the North End kids couldn't do a ting.

For one of the outstanding pitching performances of the week, we nominate that by Pfc J.W. Porter of Squadron D, who allowed only one hit in nine innings against the Medics, only to weaken and lose the game in the third extra inning.

In a stunner the Transportation outfit trimmed the Link Trainer boys 7-6, and the Sub Depot kept up its winning ways with a 10-2 victory over Squadron B.

Capt. Van Riper Director of Adm.

Captain Allen R. Van Riper, former police and prison officer, has been named director of administration in place of Major Henry Howard M, transferred to Walla Walla, Wash., Army Air Base.

His offices will remain in post headquarters with 1st Sgt Joseph Bailey as NCO

Captain Van Riper has been stationed at this field since September, 1942.

KEEPING UP WITH REGULATIONS

A man being shipped overseas either as a replacement or with a combat unit, must, according to War Department Circular 164, dated 26 April 1944, "Be fully qualified to perform the duties of his MOS under field conditions." The same circular also points out that "It is contrary to War Department policy to permit an enlisted man physically qualified for overseas service and under 38 years of age to remain at a fixed installation . . . in the zone of the interior in excess of one year, unless he shall have served honorably overseas."

Softball Standings

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
Robbers	2	0	1.000
Hq.	2	1	.667
Sub Depot	2	1	.667
Medics	2	1	.667
Officers	2	1	.667
Transportation	1	1	.500
Link Trainers	1	2	.333

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Squadron A News

By Sgt Charles A. Helmer

1st Sgt Kuchinski has been inviting a number of fellows of the squadron out to his house for dinner lately . . . by the way I wonder how the garden is getting along Sgt?

Several of the fellows of the Squadron are losing hair and sweating out increases in their families in the near future. The lucky fellows are S/Sgts Barnett, Buikema, and Sgt Vranna.

I wonder if S/Sgt Stryker was in the dog house a couple of weeks ago. Dave moved out to the post for about a week and he blames it all on his hayfever . . . I still don't know whether to believe that story or not.

Sgt Helman is really up on the art of being charge of quarters as he was on the job for two nights the past week. Helman thinks the duty clerk should forget all about him for about six months.

Word was received the other day from a former member of the old tenth . . . Sgt Phil Jones. It seems that Jones finally made Sgt., but what price glory, because with the addition of the other stripe he now has an APO number.

The band was down serenading Squadron A. thhe other day and all the fellows seemed to enjoy it very much. Still can't figure out why they played "Anchors Away," though.

T/Sgt Harrington has organized a bowling team in the Special Service department and now he is challenging any and all comers to a match . . . If anyone is interested they should contact him at the Special Service Office.

It seems that "those nasty old footlockers" just won't stay out of Pvt Max Levine's way . . . Max came in the other night and I think about six or eight of them were in his way all along the aisle.

M/Sgt Mortensen, a former member of the Squadron and now serving overseas, is the proud fathehr of a six and a half pound baby girl born this past week . . . Mort used to have the job of Personnel Sgt Major and was an old member of the 10th.

Sgt Bill Farrell is just counting the days until his wife arrives here in Chico . . . I think mabe Bill wants some more good home cooking . . . Can't seem to think of anymore news til next week . . . So long.

EM Swimming Pool Open For Summer

Hey soldier, your swimming pool is open!

Not only that, but the water is fine, and there are plenty of diving boards and a diving platform in excellent condition.

Crews under the direction of 1st Lt F.L. Bartlett, physical training officer, have repainted the pool, worked over the chlorination system and fixed it up for a busy season.

The enlisted men's pool is at the extreme south end of the field, beyond the third Quartermaster warehouse.

Squadron C Man Selected For Cadet Training

Pvt Chester A. Garland of Squadron C has left for Tuskeegee, Alabama, where he will become the first Negro aviation cadet selected from Chico Army Air Field.

Pvt Garland has been here since January of this year, and was a driver in the post motor pool before his selection.

He is the son of William C. Garland Sr. of Kansas City, Kansas, and has been in the army eight months.

Masonic Activities

Masonic activities of interest to Chico Field men next week include the third degree Tuesday, May 30, and Tuesday, June 6, both at the Masonic Temple on East First Street, between Main and Broadway.

THE COVER . . .

This agile catcher ripping off his mask and going after a foul fly is Sgt Ernest Bauer of Base Weather who drove home a total of eight runs in Sunday's game against Camp Beale. He hit three doubles in five trips.

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AAF Aid Society Drive Starts Tuesday

If you want to give your fellow member of the Army Air Forces team a post war boost, and at the same time possibly do yourself some good some time, then prepare to contribute to the AAF Aid Society.

The campaign on Chico Army Air Field begins Tuesday, 30 May, and contributions may be made at the Special Services Office.

Organized under the personal direction of General H.H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces, is designed to assist honorably discharged or retired AAF personnel and their dependents, and the depenents of deceased AAF personnel.

According to 1st Lt. L S. Stringari, Special Services Office, four main items are listed:

1. It will aid you or your dependents in securing employment.

2. It will aid your dependents in solving financial problems.

3. It will provide for the education of you and your dependents.

4.It is formed exclusively for Army Air Fo ces personnel.

Membership is by voluntary contributions, and donations as low as eight cents per month will be accepted.

There are several types of membership, ranging up to those for life, or a single payment of $100.

For further information on this great organization, military personnel are advised to contact the Special Services Officer, just scuth of the PX building.

Chapel Services

28 May 1944

CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800
Confessions at 0730
Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship at 1000
Special Music: Sgt Roy E. Garden, baritone
Clare E. Tallman, Chaplain

Albuquerque, N.M. (CNS)—The office boy in a local newspaper is collecting signatures on a candidate's petition. Object: He wants to be mayor.

Oroville Column

By Bob Hardcastle

Oroville AAF—Rumors as to the eventual size of our squadron come a dime-a-dozen these days. The sound rocking from our latrines is like a combination tobacco auction and corset rummage sale. In the past week, rumors have us pared down to ten men, boosted up to fifty, closed down entirely, moved to Chico, moved to Marysville, shipped overseas, transferred to the Infantry, and given our choice between ASTP, OCS, or a Section VIII. By next week, if all goes well, we'll no doubt be leading the invasion! Wishful thinking? Well, maybe . . . But I heard it from good authority—

Back from furlough, his face a little longer, his smile a little weaker, come Steve Les, who entered the ranks of the "Ah to be Single Again" Fraternity when he was home. Why is it that women-folk declare Sadie Hawkins Day on our poor defenseless GIs when they're home on furlough? 'Tis sad indeed. But congrats, anyway, Steve. You were a good kid.

What started out to be nicely civilized games of volley ball, have, with the advent of Ye Olde Texas Rules, developed into aboriginal clashes of Slaughter Tennis. It's gotten so the serve goes to the team that draws blood first. Gouged eyes, hacked shins and trample ankles are looke upon in fiendish glee as part of the sport. Lots of us are sweating out Purple Hearts right now. But don't get me wrong. We love it. ....

"Go-Forth" Gawith, the Pride of Freewater, and voted Most Likely to Succeed, has done just that. He's succeeded in completing two years' service without seeing the inside of a guardhouse. Knowing Gawith, we marvel. More power to you, Diogenes.

Baseball has finally come into its own here at Oroville. Our team is shaping into a pretty smooth-looking outfit, worthy of competition. Bailey Root, the manager, announces that the time has come for us to take on all comers. So let's hear from you other air fields. We'll give you a game you had better not bet on. Don't say we didn't warn you.

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Male Call

G. I. Geneva

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

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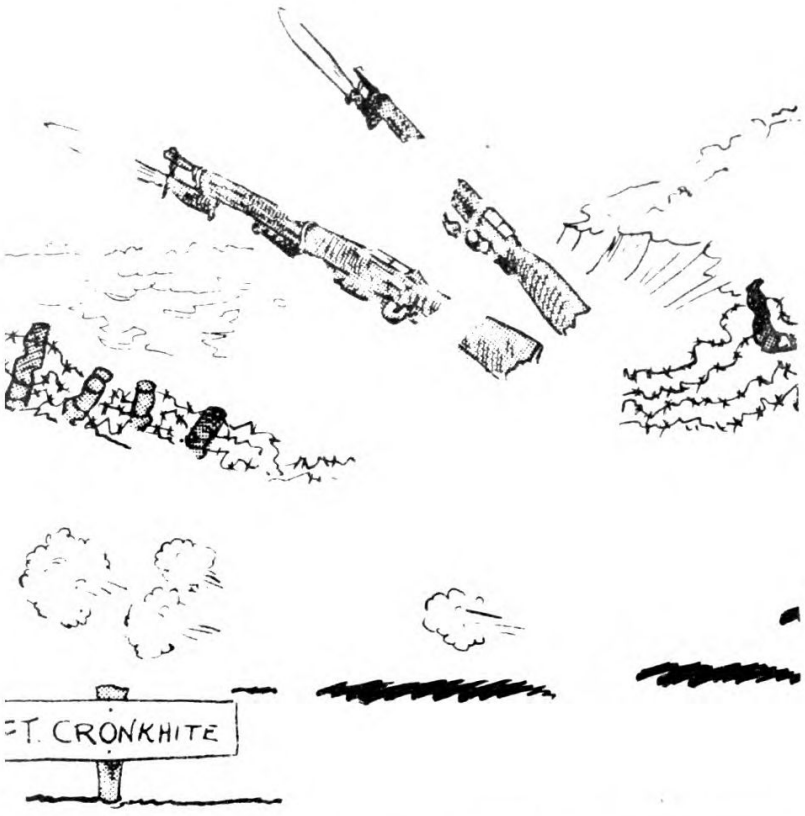
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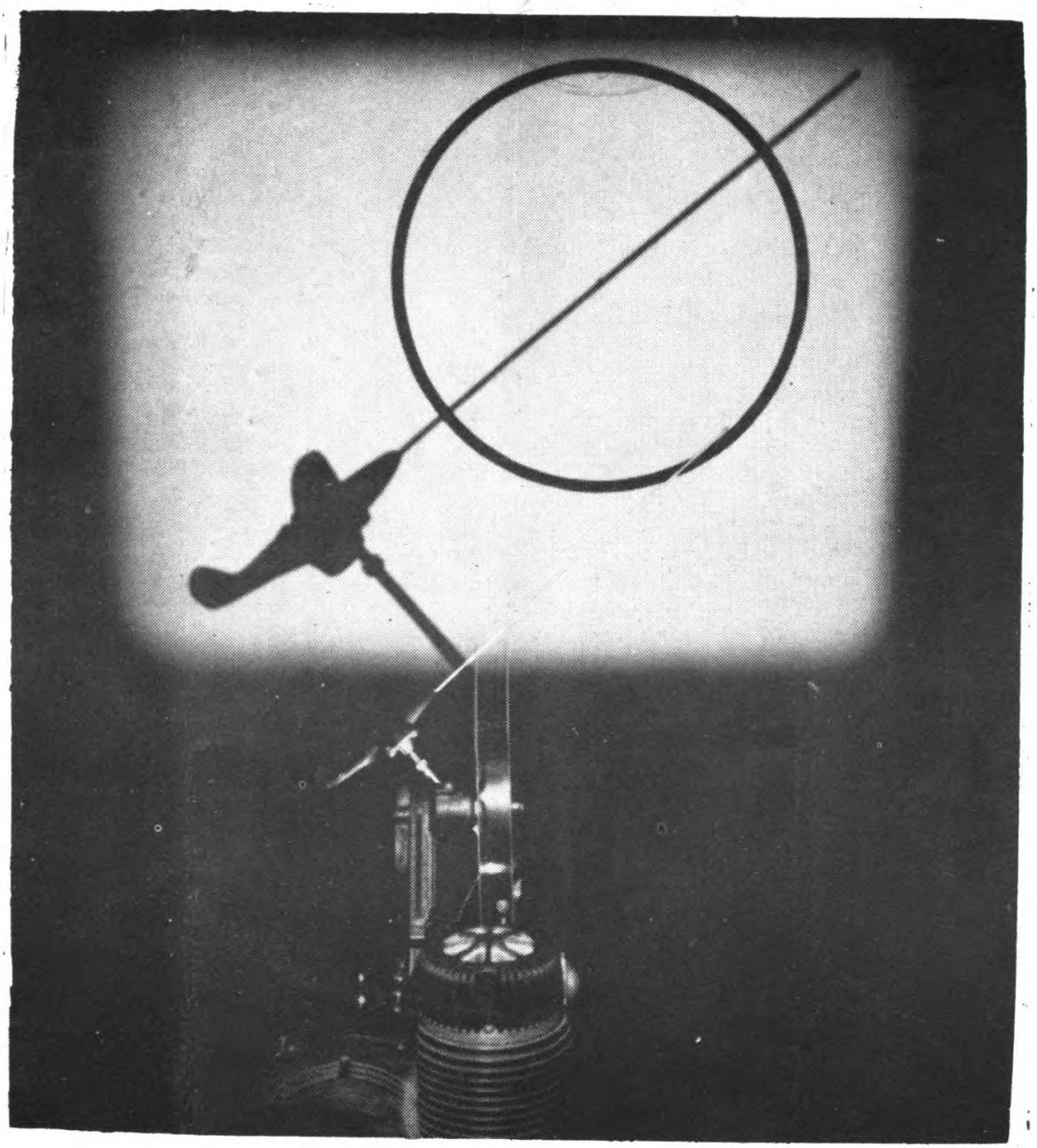


Shall I close 'Yours truly' or just 'Yours'?"

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"You know—I had the most fantastic dream last night!"

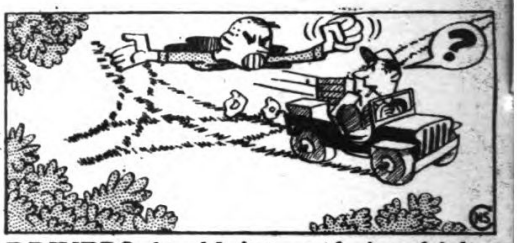
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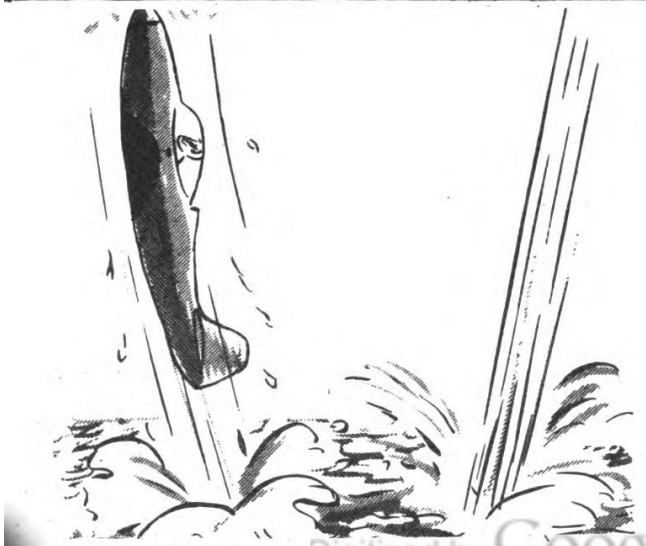
UNLESS you like unexpected visitors or undesired attention from the enemy never have tracks or a path stop at your place of concealment. Continue them past your spot to another location or until they join other tracks.



IF the ground around your concealment is dry, try to wet it down or cover it over as the dust raised by the blast of your weapon may be more apparent to the enemy than the flash.



DRIVERS shouldn't turn their vehicles around at a concealed position but should continue on to a normal turning point as the tracks may disclose the location to the enemy.



Whew! I damn near didn't pull out in time.



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Major Hinton Veteran of China War

Here are two valuable bits of advice which the former chief check pilot for the Chinese Air Forces stresses to all trainee officers:

"If you want to get through this thing alive, you must first learn to look around you often to see what's ging on; and then you must learn how to shoot!"

Now, this information is hardly intended as a test of your knowledge of aerial personalities, but we'd be willing to wager you didn't realize that the former chief check pilot for the Chinese Air Force is here at Chico Army Air Field. Today, as the modest commander of Section One, Flying Training, Major Joe K. Hinton is performing a somewhat similar assignment.

During the months of February through August of last year, Major Hinton was stationed in the northern India city of Lahore assigned to Headquarters of the Tenth Air Force and working in liaison with the Chinese Air Force as their chief check pilot. In this project, the major was in charge of six other check pilots and instructors.

Flying with those brave and eager Chinese student-pilots on their final training runs he took them through their paces and passed on their ability to meet the foe in aerial combat.

These young students worked hard at their job. They had many a score to settle for their families and homeland.

Major Hintons task was one which was far from simple. As Major General Clayton Bissell, at the time commanding the Tenth Air Force, said in his letter of commandation to Major Hinton:

"Your assignment to duty totally unfamiliar and without precedent for officers in our army presented many problems which required diplomacy, tact, initiative and energy. It is apparent that you accomplished your mission in the finest tradition of the Army Air Forces."

Prior to assignment in India, Major Hinton had been a member of a Single Engine Fighter Group, based at Kunming, Yunnan Province, China. As a flight leader in this P-40 group, which, incidently, was commanded by the Colonel Robert L. Scott of "God Was My Co-Pilot" fame, he flew numerous missions over southern China, Burma, and Indo-China. The usual day's flying consisted of either reconnaissance patrol, straffing-bombing runs, or escorting Billy Mitchell bombers.

The major dismisses these actions, nonchalantly understating the evident havoc which they must have caused the Japs.

'We didn't do so very much. Perhaps we'd run down along the Irrawaddy (river in Burma) and shoot up a few Jap gunboats. I guess we sunk a few, but it really didn't amount to a h—l of a lot!"

The major admitted that during an escort run over Lashio, Burma, he was "responsible for the destruction of a Nipponese I-type fighter, known in AAF slang code as 'Nick."

The biggest complaint Major Hinton had to offer about China was the malodoerous condition of the food, which was prepared by Chinese cooks in the so-called "American" style. He lost over 25 pounds in weight during the four month's period that he was stationed there.

For relaxation and recreation between flights, Major Hinton recalls that the greatest portion of the time was actively devoted to swiftly moving stud poker games. Women were scarce, and the few which were "available" were carefully avoided for obvious reasons.

When war came to America, the major was a member of one of the few AAF combat teams stationed overseas. The 36th Pursuit Group had left Langley Field, Virginia during January of 1941, and was based in Puerto Rico when the Nips hit Hawaii. Flying P-36s, a Curtis radial engine job, Major Hinton participated in many patrol flights over the blue Carribean, in search of Nazi U-boats. On one occasion, his flight caught an enemy sub lying on the surface. Zooming down, they raked her hull with machine gun fire. Unfortunately, though, she managed to crash dive in time to avoid further punishment.

Upon his return to the States some nine months ago, Major Hinton was assigned as an operations officer in the 327th Fighter Squadron, then stationed at Mills Field, California. Later, however, he assumed command of the 329th Fighter Squadron at Concord, California. At present, the Major and Mrs. Hinton are living in Chico.

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USO Show Here Tonight at 2000

Featuring a personality act with Miss Viola Layne, the USO-Camp Show "Tell Me More" comes to Chico Army Air Field tonight in the post gymnasium at 2000.

Impressions of favorite singing stars are done so cleverly that one can almost see Gracie Fields or Baby Snooks right before your eyes. She has an extremely wide range which enables her to imitate a number of different types of voices.

And then there's redheaded Goria Manners, who stepped from amateur shows in Ohio to George White's Scandals, movie shorts, radio and night club entertainment. She specializes in Musical comedy type of songs.

If you like acrobatics by six shapely lassies, then the Brucettes will please you, soldier. They do everything in the way of acrobatics including aerial cartwheels in unison, and even a chorus line.

The La Marrs do a dancing and singing act, and in one of the acts Poppy La Marr does a characterization of a troublesome young girl that juvenile authorities in some cities made her prove she is 24 years old.

Others in the cast are Eddie Blum, xylophonist, Jud Rees, pianist, and the comedy act of Eddie Emerson and Co.

Admission is free to service men and their families.

USO Activities

CALENDER FOR WEEK:

TONIGHT—USO Show in Post Gym. USO Junior Hostesses will attend.

SUNDAY—Free Movies in USO Club. 8 PM "THE SPOILERS" with Marlene Dietrich and Randolph Scott.

WEDNESDAY—Bridge Fans Notice: Bridge tournament on Wednesday June 7th. Sign up in club if interested. Wives or girl friends cordially invited. Junior Hostesses will be present. Time 8 P.M.

THURSDAY—Swimming party in Bidwell Park. Time 6:30. As only a limited number of men can attend please sign up in the USO or Special Service Offices. Transportation will be provided by the Special Services department. Trucks will leave the field at 6:30 and will stop at the USO for all those who have signed up. USO Junior Hostesses will be provided.

Be sure and sign up early—Picnic Supper, Entertainment, Girls, Swimming.

SATURDAY—Informal dance in club on Saturday June 10. Wives and Junior Hostesses invited. Wings of Swing will provide the dance music. Refreshments.

Orientation Program Heavy This Week

Lt Jerry Berkson, Base Orientation Officer announces the forthcoming orientation program for the week 5 June - 10 June will be the most interesting of all those held at Chico so far.

The program will consist of two of the latest Orientation Films released. The first film will be the Battle of Buna and the second film will be "With the Australians in New Guinea."

The biggest feature is that each film will be preceeded by a 20 to 30 minute talk on conditions in the South Pacific by men who were there and are now back at Chico as instructors.

The Orientation hours for this coming week are 1000 Tuesday 6 June with Captain R.T. Shellito as guest speaker. 1500 Tuesday 6 June with 1st Lt. T.H. Walker. 1000 Wednesday 7 June with 1st Lt. T.S. Barnes and 1500 7 June with Capt. C.E. Nichols as the guest speakers. Orientation Program will be held in the Post Recreation Hall across from thhe P.X.

Sq. C Single Men To Have Dance In Sacramento

Following the very successful dance given for married men of Squadron C in the Recreation Building this week, plans have been announced by Special Services for a dance in Sacramento for single men of the squadron.

It will be held June 17, and further plans will be announced on the Squadron bulletin board.

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In line with the CAAF orientation program, a special collection of orientation books and pamphlets have been set aside in the Post Library. Among the books are such old and new best-sellers as "Flying Tigers"; "Fall of the Phillipines"; "Guadalcanal Diary"; "Generals and Geographers"; "Journey Among Warriors"; "One World"; "Preface to Peace;" and in the field of personal war experience narratives, Joseph C. Grew's "Report from Tokyo;" "Berlin Diary;" "Battle is the Pay-Off;" "Yankee Fighter;" "Into the Valley;" "Thirty Seconds over Tokyo." Also included are many new books on military strategy, as: "Modern Battle;" "How Wars are Fought;" "Military Science Today;" "Modern Camouflage;" "Nature of Modern Warfare;" "Gas Warfare;" and "Chemical Warfare."

In the pamphlet collection are the bulletins of the Military Intelligence Service on warfare techniques of both allies and enemies, among them: "German Military Training;" "Japanese Warfare;" "Axis Booby Traps;" "British Commandos;" and such aids published especially for GI's as the popular Pocket Guides to various countries; "What to do Aboard a Transport;" "Assignment to Britain;" "How War Came."

The Post Library is located at Third and D Streets, and is open daily Monday through Friday from 0800 to 2100; Saturday, 0800 to 1700, and Sunday, 1200 to 1700.

Chico Girls Wed CAAF Lieutenants

Two marriages of interest to Chico Army Air Field personnel took place this week in Chico.

Monday night Jewell Caywood, an employee of S-2 on the post, was married to 1st Lt. William S. Kotch, Jr., Department of Flying supply officer.

Thursday evening Miss Marjorie Parker, an employee of the Department of Supply and Maintenance, became the bride of 2nd Lt. Kenneth G. Houser of Ground School.

The first ceremony was held in the Chico Episcopal Church, and the couple were attended by the brides sister, Mrs. R.W. Asher while Major James R. Martin was best man. Ushers were Lts. Jack Titcomb and Charles Burris.

Attending Miss Parker and Lt. Houser were Miss Phyllis Mitchell of Chico, and Lt. Titcomb as best man.

Meanwhile, plans for the marriage of Miss Grayce DeWitt of Sutter, California, to 1st Lt. Frederic L. Bartlett, post physical training officer, were announced. The ceremony will take place in the post chapel June 4.

The Post Chapel Presents "Masterworks of Music"

Beginning Thursday evening 1 June 1944 the Post Chapel presents a weekly recorded program "Masterworks of Music," featuring the best in classical and semi-classical music as recorded by the world's greatest artists and orchestras. This program will be held each Thursday evening at 7:30 (1930) in the Chapel. All military personnel are cordially invited to attend these concerts and to submit requests for favorite musical selections for use on future programs.

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Flyers Split With Signal Corps Team

Showing another off again, on again reversal of form, Chico Field's Flyers smashed the Western Signal Corps School baseballers in the opener, only to lose the second tilt at Davis, Calif., last Sunday. Scores were 18-3, and 3-9.

Tomorrows game with the powe ful Merced Army Air Field nine has been cancelled, but Manager Charley Henson thinks he has the answer to future opposition.

He is pitcher Felix Treaska of Suadron B, who limited the Signal men to five hits in the opener, struck out five and issued only one walk. His battery mate, Jim Greco, smacked a homer with the bases full in the first frame. And that isn't bad for the debut of a pitcher and catcher.

Also cracking out homers were Manager Henson of the Flyers, and Constiner, second pitcher for the Signal Corps outfit. All came in the first game.

The second contest saw the Signalmen hit Brummitt and Honors hard, and the local defenses fell apart with five errors.

Centerfielder Ray Domroski of the Flyers again was the leading sticker, banging out hits in his last four trips to the plate. Henson and Greco were good for three hits in five attempts.

Big innings were the first, with four runs, and the eignth and ninth with six each. The Signalmen knocked Brummitt out of the box in the third inning of the second game with three runs.

In the twin bill, several of the local boys collected four hits, including Domroski, Second Baseman Gamble, Henson, and Third Sacker Everson.

The short scores:

Team	R.	H.	E.
Chico Field	18	19	0
Signal Corps	3	5	4

Treaska and Greco; Dunn, Constiner and Roscoe.

Team	R.	H.	E.
Chico Field	3	8	5
Signal Corps	9	11	2

Brummitt, Honors and Bauer; Hill and Paw.

Squadron C

I'VE SEEN HERE!

By Pvt Hargrave

Wel your old maestro of the printing p ess i. back in harness after being at large for three weeks. So lets take up where we left off.

My bunk mate, Pvt Clinton Young is quite a temptation to me. You see seven months ago he was my "first sarge" at a basic training center in Missouri. No fellows there will be no acts of violence—while I'm asleep!

The dance given for the married men Tuesday night was really nice. Music by the Wings of Swing and entertainment by -. Pfc Carl Hubbell, Pvt William Wood and Mr. Henry A. Pride made the whole affair even more enjoyable. Pfc Carl Black and wife Mrs. Baby Ruth Black won the prizes given away by Special Service, theater tickets and a lovely bracelet. Master of ceremonies, Pvt Willis Shinn turned in a very nice job.

Join the AAF Aid Society - just like all other smart G.I. s are doing. See 1st Sergeant Baker for further details.

Lost a good bet with some "jodee's" back home. Told them when I got my first furlough I would come home with a "coupla stripes. So far I haven't seen anything but strife.

Keeping Up With Regulations

According to Fourth Air Force Memorandum 35-3, dated May 12, 1944, on Enlisted Man "earmarked for overseas movement" will receive a furlough prior to his departure from the Forth Air Force, unless he shall have had one during the preceeding three months.

White Plains, N.Y. (CNS)—Big hearted Henry Vedder, a clerk, died recently, leaving his life savings of $5,000 to his employers, a large Wall street brokerage.

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Major Hugh J. Marth, below, Director of Supply and Maintenance at CAAF, tells with the aid of a B-17 model how he won the Air Medal, which was presented to him two weeks ago by Col. A. W. Tyer.

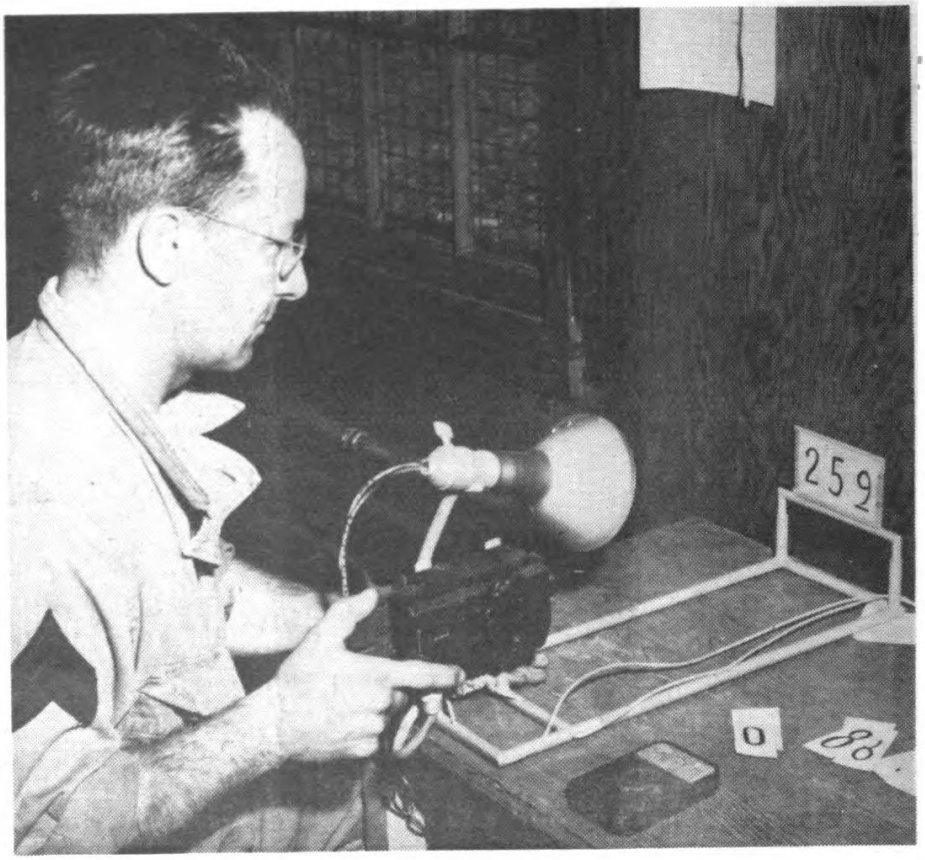




Mrs. Minnie Morgan of Oroville and Col. A. W. Tyer, above, review CAAF troops after she has received the Air Medal for her son, missing in action. The award was won by S/Sgt Edwin Morgan while a member of the troop carrier command in Sicily. Standing in the background is Capt. A. R. Buntjer, Post Adjutant.

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Each film pack must be identified with the trainees number Here Sgt. John F. Draudt photographically numbers a film magazine.









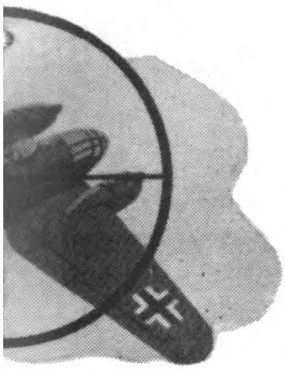
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Sgt. George Miller splices developed film onto respective trainees reel, which is kept as a record of each student's

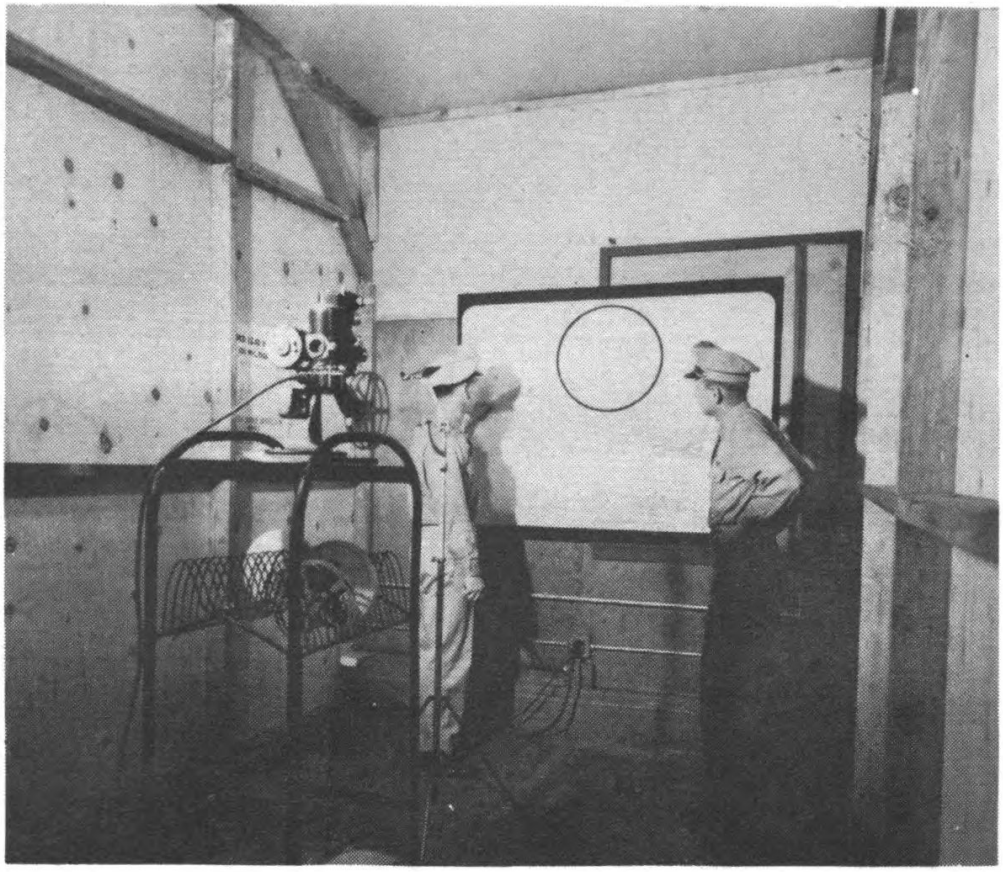
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This machine develops and finishes film in one continuous process. Sgt. Draudt operates machine while Lt. Thomas D. Heismann, Asst. Gunnery Officer, inspects finished film.



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In the projection room students' shooting accuracy is analyzed and corrected. Capt. Hasen D. Helvy, Gunnery Officer, and Lt. Heismann, discuss a typical problem.

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I'm the kind of G.I. who hankers

For gals the like of Evelyn Ankers

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Col. Tyer, Other Officers, Speak at Memorial Day Exercises Nearby

Officers and men from Chico Army Air Field participated in several Memorial Day observances held in Chico and nearby towns this week.

Colonel A.W. Tyer, commanding officer, was the main speaker at excercises held in Memorial Hall, Chico, telling of cert in of his combat expe.iences, and telling his listeners that as the war progressed, the fighting would become harder and h'rder.

He likened the war in this respect to a football game, saying that the going around the fifty yard line was compara ively easy going, but that the last ten yards will be contested bitterly.

A small detachment of Chico Field soldiers ma ched in the annual parade.

At Oroville Major Henry W. Lawrence Jr., was the main speaker, and C ptain George T' Chandler spoke at Red Bluff. Both officers are combat veterans.

Two CAAF Officers Mentioned in Magazine Article

Major Charles W. Sawyer, deputy director of operations, and Major Joe Hinton, director of flying, are mentioned in the March-April issue of Fly Leaf, publication of the Curtiss-Wright, whichtells of the 23rd Fighter Group in the China Air Task Force. This was the forerunner of the 14th Air Force.

Their names are on the Groups Honor Roll which is pictured with Major General Chennault stancing at its side.

On the list are such names as Col. Robert Scott of "God Is My Co-Pilot" fame, Major (now Colonel) Grant Mahoney, who had nine confirmed victories, and others.

New York (CNS)—A pitchman selling razor blades set up his sidewalk stand in a Seventh Avenue doorway, hung up a service flag with three stars over the door, and briskly got down to business.

Sq. "D" The North End Kids

Sgt Buck Sturgis' Bulldogs finally broke the jinx by trouncing the Officers to the tune of 10-3 in a hotly contested game by both sides. "Tornado" Turner really had them swinging with his terrific twirling. Sgt "Limey" Slieson paved the way to glory scoring the first run in the second on a nice drive by Turner.

To be sure we would win, our CO, Major McMullin, took left field for the officers and promised to make as many errors as could be, but evidently the brass hats saw the handwriting on the wall and made some changes. Lt. Hudson "played" his first game as base umpire. He couldn't refrain from cheering our men around the bases, so to ease his conscience, he called Vodvarka out first on a "questionable" (?) safe hit. (P.S. Vodvarka, the Lt. felt as bad about that one.)

The boys on the line welcomed the screened in "cabana" just completed. Come summer we'll be glad to withdraw to its shady protection from the merciless rays of "ole Sol." Sorry mint juleps will Not be served there due to the scarcity of the amber fluid.

What attraction is there that makes "crooner" Columbo spend most of his time at the P.X.? Could it be a blond incendiary? Here's luck.

Sunday, supposed to be a day of rest and was it? No! At least not 718. At first we thought the place was haunted. Shots, screams, yells. What could it be—on investigation it was only that Pfc Whitehead had finally got his radio to work. A miracle too, as the last time it was just an assortment of tubes, coils and wires.

—Sgt A.H. Tumbrink

HENSON TOP HITTER AMONG POST TOSSERS

Manager Charley Henson of the Flyers baseball nine, currently is leading his teammates in hitting with an average of .579. He has banged out 11 hits in 19 trips, incuding two homers and two doubles.

Second is Ray Domroski, center fielder, with eight hits out of 15 trips for an average of .433. Second Baseman Gamble, with eight out of 17 has a mark of .470.

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Notes from Redding

By William Pitts

"N" Squadron, Redding—Lt. William E. Breeden, our adjutant, came in the mess hall the other day around 1800 with a nice looking rainbow trout . . . Our adjutant seemed ready for the barrage of questions that the mess hall personnel might ask him, but our Mess Sgt more or less collapsed any boastful ideas that our Adj. might put forth to the boys by asking the officer if the fish markets in Redding were staying open a little later than usual . . . I honestly believe our Adj. caught the fish.

Pvt Gordon Henry Gantt, our own Georgia peach, went home recently on a furlough to see his "Peaches and Cream," but returned to Redding with another Southern chick as the flower of his heart . . . I asked Pvt Joe Scellato why Gordon made the sudden change in the line up?? . . . Pvt Scellato said that it is probable that the cream had soured on the peaches . . . WANTED. Two girls, not too tall that can shin-dig at a fair pace . . . for Cpl Ralph S. Hanson and Pvt Clinton Massey . . . It seems that the two "Dogfaces" concerned couldn't find any dancing partnerslast Saturday night at "Ma Blazers Sat. Nite Spot" and had to amuse themselves by dancing with each other.

Pfc "Cliff" Broughton has been encouraging Cpl Arthur Pribbenow to marry the girl, but Pribb's buddy Pfc Leroy Morgan has other ideas for the Cpl . . . The devil and Morgan!! We understand this coming payday Pfc Sherod Hopkins plans on getting a three day pass to visit with his old buddy and pal Cpl Sherod Harris down Bakersfield way . . . Sgt John Clements and S/Sgt Lee Harden thought it would be a good joke to intact a smoke grenade to the rear bumper of our CO's staff car, but our CO caught the boys in the act . . . by an eyelash we still have a Sgt and S/Sgt . . . We would like to know who the mysterious lady is that Pvt Joe Scellato was escorting to the outskirts of the ball field the other evening?? . . . Cpl "Deacon" Konda wants all of the readers of this news item to know that he will be absent from his duties for an indefinite period of time.

I see that S/Sgt "Stinky" Taylor will be back with the flock before long . . . AAF Base Unit Section D, Det. 101 AACS Sqdn. (phew!) has taken over the Waldorf Astoria (Redding branch) bldg. for storing there equipment says S/Sgt Huhnke . . . Pvt John Alcure and Pvt Joe Cottone are betting that the Brooklyn Dodgers will come out on top this year in the race for the Nat'l League Pennant . . . S/Sgt Jack Dennerline is wondering if the Dodgers are still in the league? . . . Pvt "Maidenswoon" Medellin was out at Ma Blazer's Sat. Nite Spot the other night swooning the lasses right off the dance floor . . . Pvt Pascual Martinez and Pvt Pacheco Dancer appeared to be arguing on a deciding point the other day . . . I inquired about the point in the argument . . . they told me that they were talking about California prunes . . . Our CO has been using tact on the boys working on the hill about wearing "Dog-tags" . . . Everytime an officer or an EM is caught without their dog-tags dangling from their necks they are fined to the tune of setting up the cokes to all personnel within hollaring distance of the coke machine . . . S/Sgt Lee Harden finds it to be an expensive lesson since he has been caught without said tags every other morning . . . I'm still wondering who the girl is that our 1st Soldier was calling "Honey" the other night in his sleep?? . . . We hope for the sarg's sake, he keeps dovey thoughts in the family.

It is hoped that Pvt Joe Cottone will eventually snore his way out of the Army . . . I'll be the first to vouch for his release . . . T/5 Don Kugath, 115th Sig.'s own high stratum, has a knack in seeing that T/4 Phil Engles relieves him at the proper time . . . he never lets Phil sleep . . . T/6 George Slechea, chumingly known as "Gestapo Gus," believes in abiding by the driver's code . . . it has been said that the Gestapo has been using the right hand turn signal when rounding a manzanita shrub out in no man's land . . . Sgt Ray Cornelius says the average G.I. doesn't have an ear for the finer music the world has to offer . . . It is presumed that is the reason the sarge takes his fiddle to an empty barracks to play "Chopin's 2nd Movement."

Awarded DFC

Lt. Milford H. Symens, who took his basic training at this field some time ago, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for sinking a large Japanese freighter at Hansa Bay, New Guinea. He has been overseas for over a year.

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First Loss for QM Softball Team

This week's softball saw the Quartermasters go down to defeat for the first time this season, and also the first perfect game by a CAAF pitcher.

It was the Brown Bombers who knocked off the champs, but it was a nip and tuck affair, ending 8-7 as the Robbers went down in the final frame with the bases loaded.

But Tuesday night they came back to whip the Transportation outfit 15 to 0 with S/Sgt Johnny Murry tossing a perfect game. Not a Transportation man reaching first base. Earlier in the season Red Bruner of Link Trainer had pitched a no hitter, but several men had reached first.

In a real thriller the Headquarters outfit kept their first place tie with 1-0 victory over the Sub Depot ten, which was knocked out of its top spot. Bob Stephans allowed four bingles while Remy Bally of the Clippers allowed three safeties and one unearned run.

The Officers were badly walloped by Squadron D, which won its first game of the season. Turner was the winning pitcher, and the score was 10-2.

Meanwhile the Medics, with a new pitcher, Pfc Bennie Vera, remained in a first place tie with Q.M. Headquarters by edging out the Brown Bombers, 7-6 and decisively trimming the Squadron B Spartans by 7-2.

In other games Squadron D lost to Sq. B 5-1, and the officers were blanked by the Robbers. Link Trainer forfeited to Sub Depot. Hq. trimmed Transportation, 6-3 with Sgt King of the winners being injured.

Probably the best catch of the week was turned in by Left Fielder Ed Bellegarde of the Robbers, who took a foul fly back on third base in between a couple of cars. The play was made in the Robber-Officer contest. Capt. Art Buck of the Officers has been turning in consistently good third basing.

Link Trainer Team Drops Out of Softball

Because of several transfers which resulted in the loss of key men on the Link Trainer team, that organization is dropping out of the league, it was announced Wednesday by S/Sgt Johnny Murry, loop prexy.

In order to prevent a ball up of schedules, each team will be automatically credited with a victory on each occasion the Link team is schedued. All losses to the Linkmen before their drop out will be reversed, and the standings changed slightly.

Civilian Employees Picnic In Bidwell Park Today

There will be a picnic of the CAAF Employees Association this afternoon at Sycamore pool in Bidwell Park, beginning at 1730.

There will be fod aplenty, and recreation including swimming, softball, badminton, horseshoes, reay races and tug o' war across Chico Creek.

Everyone is asked to bring his own cups, knives, forks and spoons. A good time is guaranteed.

Chapel Services

4 June 1944

CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800

Confessions at 0730

Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship at 1000

Sermon: "The Witness of Character."

At the regular Morning Service the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served.

Clare E. Tallman, Chaplain

Softball Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pct
Hq.	4	1	.800
Robbers	4	1	.800
Medics	4	1	.800
Sub Depot	3	2	.600
Officers	2	3	.400
Transportation	2	3	.400
Sq. B	2	3	.400
Link Trainer	1	3	.250
Brown Bombers	1	3	.250
Sq. D	1	4	.200

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Squadron A News

By Sgt Charles A. Helmer

Three men from Squadron A are very proud soldiers because they are the fathers of three new babies . . . S/Sgt Barnett proudly tells about the arrival of a fine ten pound girl . . . Pfc William H. Smith comes along with a big smile and announces the arrival of an eight pound girl . . . The last one of the trio is Sgt Gerard Buikema who is the happy father of a baby boy . . . I sure do hope I get a cigar from one f the three.

The Fifth War Loan Drive finds Squadron A right on the beam because payday the fellows sure did come across with the old greenbacks . . . M/Sgt Vancelette tops the list with the purchase of a $100 Bond . . . S/Sgts Stewart, Gorst and Baker came second with the purchase of a $50 Bond each. Several $25 Bonds were sold also but I just couldn't get the record of these purchases. A number of fellows subscribed to the AAF Aid Sciety and the First Sergeant tells me that he would like to get about three times more and really put Squadron A at the top of the drive.

Last week T/Sgt Harrington challenged anyone to meet his bowling team in a match and as yet he tells me he hasn't found any opponents . . . If anyone is interested they can contact Sgt Harrington at Special Service Office.

Squadron A made a very fine showing in the Memorial Day Parade held in Chico on Tuesday the 30th. A lot of compliments were received on the way the fellowskept in step and their appearance in general. I thought they were the best looking outfit in the parade also but maybe I am just a little bit prejudiced . . .

T/Sgt Gardner doesn't seem to know the difference between seven and eleven . . . At least thats the story I get from a couple of the fellows in the Orderly rom . . .

The sun wasn't up the other morning but the sound of a lawn mower being used between the barracks reached the ears of the men . . . Cpl Siligato it seems wanted to get an early start on the grass before "old Sol" came out too bright . . . Please Joe pick a plot of grass by another barracks instead of the grass right outside the window of my barracks.

Oroville Column

By Bob Hardcastle

Oroville—Our boys scored such a hit on the Union Hotel fire they were called back the other night for an encore, when another half-block of Oroville's shop-buildings went up in smoke. Last summer it was forest fires that gave us the headaches. Now that we've graduated to city fire-fighting, we'd like to make one request. Mr. Firebug: How about starting your little infernos at an earlier hour of the night? This 3 AM stuff is giving us bags under the eyes.

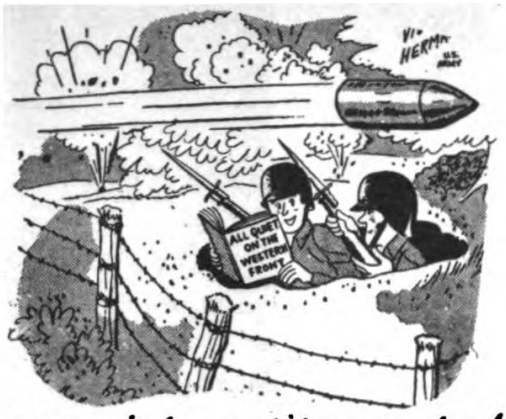
We didn't mind this fire so much though. One of the shops that burned down was a liquor establishment, and we didn't just stand around and watch that good hootch evaporate. Fire and smoke sure dry up the tonsils, don't they?

One little incident occured which brings a tinge of crimson to the cheeks of yurs truly whenever someone mentions it. It seems that as I was driving my jaloppy back to camp, after the fire was under control, I just naturally didn't see some fire hoses stretched across the intersection, it being around half-past three in the morning and not as light as it might have been. So that when I came to a stop I found I had driven over two fire hoses and was straddling the third. When I began backing off, an irate fireman refused to let me do so, bawling out that I had done enough damage already. Then a cop came up, lovable character that he is, and the der boy trundled me off to the police station, where I received a nice citation. Thanks to Lieutenants Ward and Griffith, the Chief of Police was finally persuaded to tear it up. Was I relieved, But definitely!

Some bright boy popped up with the remark the other day that the reason Tex McKnight came back from furlough a week early was because he was afraid his girl friend would get mad at him for going home to visit his wife! Oh, these rumors . . .

Since we're getting so gossipy, we'd like to know what it is Russ Ostertag has that makes the waitresses at Bea's Cafe pay for his meals. Give us the lowdown, bub. Some of us are down to our last farthing.

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"My girl sent it, boy what a sense of humor!"



"Why the hell couldn't you have been born a beautiful woman?"

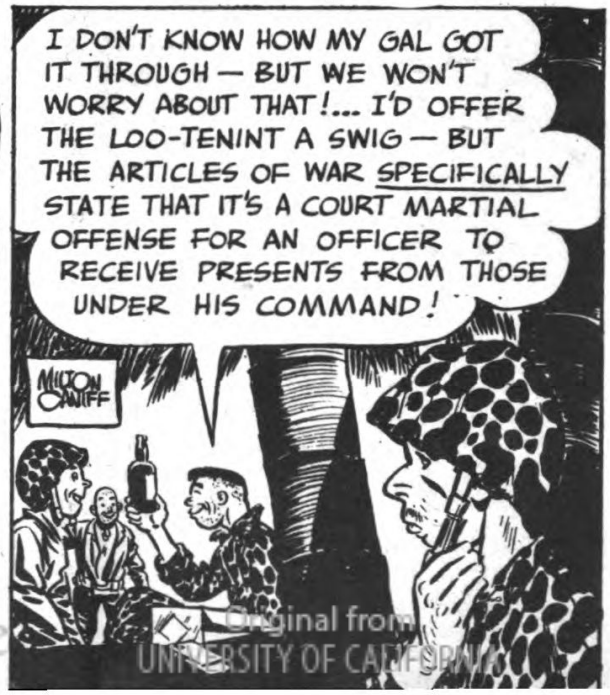
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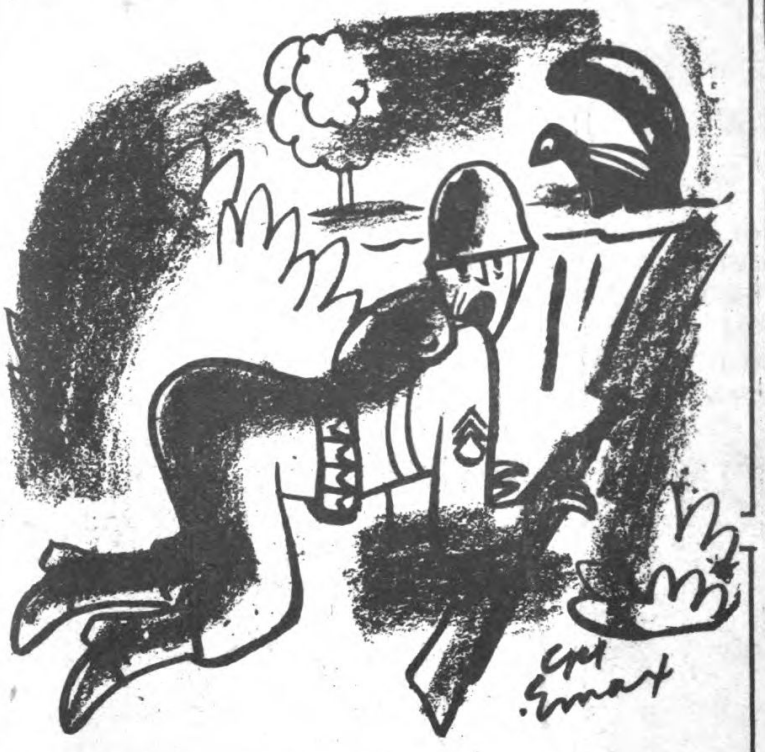
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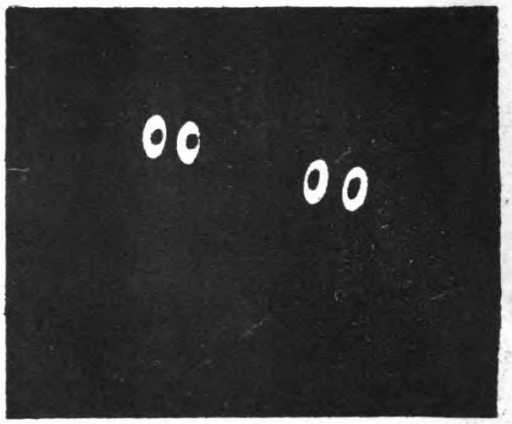


"Promise me that you'll keep an eye on her, Sergeant."



—American Legion News Service.

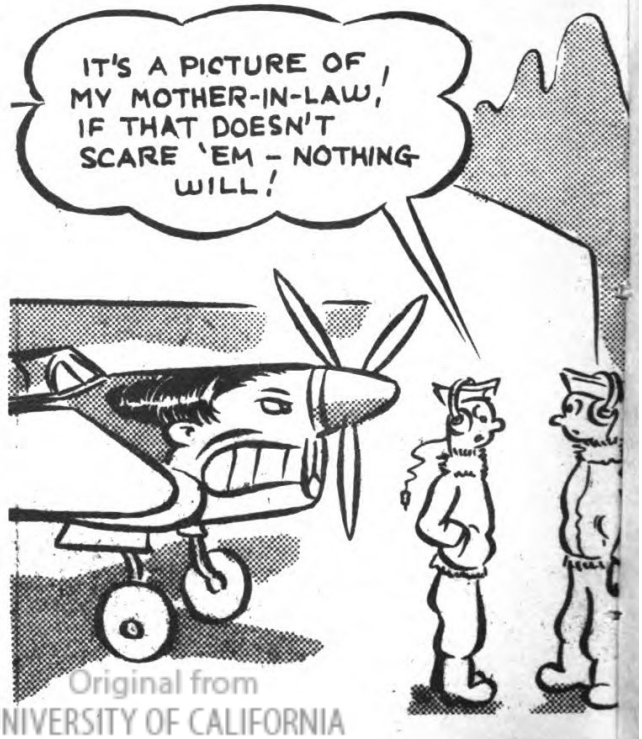
"This is urgent and important, lieutenant; some more paper and pencils."



"Please, Private Yiffniff, will you stop asking me the $64 question?"



"One thing you gotta say for special service—they're in there tryin'!"



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Fifth War Loan Here — Let's Go!

Chico Field has begun an all-out drive to back the Fifth War Loan, which will continue on the field through 31 July, according to 2nd Lt. Harriet Orvis, post war bond officer.

At the same time the drive among civilian employees of the post is fully organized, Major John J. Daly, civilian personnel officer, announced. Their goal including payroll deductions and cash purchases, is approximately $40,000.

According to Lt. Orvis, the goal for military personnel is 100 per cent participation on the payroll deduction plan, as well as many cash purchases of bonds and stamps.

Stamps are on sale at squadron orderly rooms up to 31 July. In the sale of stamps last pay day, Squadron A led with sales totalling $206.75. Throughout the post the response was good, but it could be improved.

Each officer has been sent a letter requesting a statement regarding his purchase of bonds, while for enlisted men Class B allotment forms are available in all of the orderly rooms.

On the civilian employee front, eight sections have been organized, with Bond Minute Men and Maids within each section personally contacting the employees seeking additional deductions and cash purchase of an additional bond.

The Employees Association has jumped into the campaign with an offer of two $25 bonds for the leading civilian bond salesmen within certain sections.

Already the civilian employees of the field hold the Treasury department certificate showing 90 per cent of them are placing 10 per cent of their pay into bond purchases. An effort is being made to better even this fine record.

Non-civil service employees in the PX, tailor shop, officers club, etc., will be contacted by their department heads.

UNCLE SAM NEEDS IT NOW; YOU'LL NEED IT LATER!

New York (CNS)—A pitchman selling razor blades set up his sidewalk stand in a Seventh Avenue doorway, hung up a service flag with three stars over the door, and briskly got down to business.

Former CAAF Officer Is Now Lt. Colonel

Promotion of Major George D. Mertens, 35, former post intelligence officer at CAAF since the opening of the field in April, 1942, until October of last year, to lieutenant colonel, has been announced by the Ninth Air Force Service Command.

He served with that organization in the European Theater of Operations as intelligence officer and provost marshal.

Lt. Col. Mertens has served with the armed forces, including Marine Corps, California National Guard, and Army Air Forces continuously since 1924.

Japanese Empire Subject Of This Week's Orientation Film

The orientation program for this week includes a showing of the film, "The Enemy, Japan; Dream Empire, History of Expansion," according to announcement by Lt. Jerry Berkson, orientation officer.

Preceding the film will be a 20 minute prologue on facts about the Japanese Empire, covering the aims and designs of Japan on the rest of the Allied world, and what is behind the mental make-up of that nation.

The hours will be 1030 and 1530 on Tuesday and Wednesday in the South Theater.

Last week actual films of the New Guinea and Papuan campaigns were shown, and Lt. Thomas H. Walker, a veteran of the Solomons campaign, told of the type of terrain the G. I. should expect in the Southwest Pacific.

He told of humidity, mosquitos, scorpions, snipers, and of the discomforts and inconveniences of continuous nuisance bombing raids.

To climax the talk, Lt. Walker told of the time just after he had arrived in the States when he heard an ambulance siren combined with an auto backfire report, and he instinctively dove under the bed.

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Sq. D Leads In AAF Aid Society

Squadron D men were leading the post for participation in the AAF Aid Society Drive which began last week. Eighty-eight per cent of its men took out memberships of one form or another.

In second place was Squadron B, with 52 per cent participation, while officers were third with 50 per cent.

Others included:

Squadron T, 39%; Squadron M, 30%; Band, 25%; Squadron C, 25%; Squadron A, 20 per cent.

Complete figures on the amount of money taken in thus far are not available. The drive for memberships in this great organization still is underway. See 1st Lt. L. S. Stringari at Special Services.

Corps of Engineers

The last word in absentmindedness has been introduced by Mr. Glover of the Fire Department. Mr. Glover undertook to mail a package of butterhorns the other day, instead of the letter which had been entrusted to his care. One can't help but wonder if the mystery of his missing dog might not be solved by attempting to follow this lead.

Lt. Chatterday's recent fishing trip netted him few fish—but several hours of much needed rest. We could go on with the more harrowing details, but censorship—and the knowledge that a murder story might be forthcoming in the next issue, prevents us from printing all at this time.

The poem this week is dedicated in all sincerity to persons taking inventory in army posts the world over.

We look into the future—with eyes that can not see
The toils and trials and troubles that is ours so soon to be.
Our hearts as ever care free—in a happy vacuum still,
We have not yet begun to think in terms of "Over the Hill!"
We're strengthened by each other—although we have no band
Which accompanies other "soldiers" when they invade the enemy land.
We're sufficient unto each other—we're confident and strong,
It doesn't take so very long to show us we were wrong.
The task we had ahead, was to prove our strength and mettle,
(May I state—here and now—that the question has been settled?)
With grim determination, and no hopes or thought of glory,
We began the fight against the strength of a reluctant inventory.
We listed the lbs. and gallons—each pint and every quart,
And as each item was sighted—it was over, under, or short!
We bow down to superior strength—as we retreat you can hear us hum—
We don't care, 'cause what the heck, other victories have been won!

Guadalcanal Veteran Gets Decoration

The Air Medal with one silver and three bronze oak leaf clusters were awarded to Capt. George T. Chandler at Chico Army Air Field this afternoon at a formal military review. Lt. Col. William C. Adams, director of operations, made the award in the absence of the commanding officer, Col. A. W. Tyer.

The silver oak leaf cluster was awarded to the flyer in lieu of five additional air medals. The bronze cluster is awarded in lieu of one addtional medal.

Three of the citations came as a result of combat sorties in fighter aircraft during which Captain Chandler shot down four enemy planes. He is credited with one other air victory, for a total of five. Other citations were awarded for sustained combat operational missons of a hazardous nature in an area where enemy antiaircraft fire was effective, or where enemy airplanes or exposure to enemy fire were habitually encountered. The pilot flew a total of 90 combat missions in all.

Capt. Chandler spent several months on Guadalcanal during 1943, and fought through the campaigns for the Munda airfield, the beachhead Empress Augusta on Bougainville and the Rabaul campaign. He already has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He returned in March to this country and is now serving as a flight commander, teaching officer trainees to fly single engine fighter planes.

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About Maligned Classification Dept.

By Sgt. H. M. ENGEL

You hear a good deal these days about Classification.

Walking over to the squadron bulletin board, you come face to face with a lengthy roster, over which is tacked a sign saying, "KNOW YOUR MOS AND DUTY." Fine! After spending about fifteen minutes reading the thing, and finally locating your name, you suddenly realize that here is the terrible truth laid bare. The shock is almost more than you can stand. Alas, you discover that you're working as an 055, and all along you thought you were a 502!

It can be said without qualification that among the most misunderstood sections of army administration is its classification system. GI's (and civilians, too) have more misconceptions about classification than about almost any other single activity of the army.

Thinking that as top-notch doughnut makers in civil life, they should be assigned as head pastry chefs in a GI bakery, they are always dumfounded when they discover themselves on their way to P-39 aircraft mechanic's school.

"What a waste of manpower," they moan. "Doesn't the army realize my unusual talents?"

The answer to that is simple. The army has not been established to utilize the talents of doughnut makers. We all know why we have an army, though at times it's perhaps advisable to remind ourselves of the real reason. Winning the war is the army's 1-A priority.

And, as an integral part of the army, that too is the ultimate aim of classification.

If all the GI's who had been truck drivers, stone masons, painters and clerks were given exactly the same sort of jobs in the service, there wouldn't be an army. There would merely be a uniformed mass of civilians.

It's perfectly obvious that someone must wear his fingers to the bone on aircraft maintenance and radar repair. Were we to wait for an appropriate quota of civilian-trained personnel to do this sort of work, it would probably never get done.

Now let's get back to the squadron bulletin board and see what's the deal on those MOS and duty changes. Maybe you hadn't realized it before, but the classification and assignment of men is a continuously changing process.

Here at Chico Army Air Field, for example, all job changes are processed through the Classification Office, and men are shifted about and placed in job assignments where it is hoped their talents and training can be utilized to the fullest extent.

But remember, this can't always be accomplished. At times, when major military readjustments take place, involving the reshuffling of large numbers of men, certain temporary surpluses of manpower are bound to result. Consequently, some men are occasionally required to perform work for which they have neither experience nor liking.

Reshuffling may make it necessary to require skilled basic trainer mechanics to accept apprenticeship under fighter aircraft maintenance men. Perhaps this is a letdown, a loss of prestige, but such temporary revisions in assignment are often quite necessary. After all, we all had to make a much more difficult adjustment when we first entered the service, and in all probability, before we've won this war, we shall have to make several more.

This has hardly been intended as a sermon to the GI holding an undesirable duty or MOS. To that man we can only advise a visit to the squadron commander or the chaplain.

The purpose of this article has been to draw a broad picture of army classification, showing its primary purpose to be the placement of the right man in the right job at the right time. We all realize, of course, that this is a most difficult target to shoot at, and in any organization as vast as our army, errors and discrepancies are bound to creep in. What must be kept in mind, however, is not the small percentage of errors in classification, but rather, the successful job that has so far been accomplished.

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Notes from Redding

By Pvt William Pitts

FISH-CRAZED REDDING

"N" Squadron—One base adjutant, 1st Lt. William E. Breeden, Jr., and one top Sgt named Robert O. Taunt went fishing down on the Sacramento River one evening last week to see if our under-cover friends would be biting at the line. The adj. took the low rocks and the sarge took the high bridge for their own strategic striking positions . . . All was going swell until the adj. over-extended his equilibrium and splattered into the drink up to his neck. The 1st soldier saw that the adj. was in the drink, but ignored the unfortunate incident because he knew our adj. is a hound for the love of the outdoor sport and just thought the officer's ardent zeal for the gamely little fellows had gotten the best of him . . . Results of said fishing trip, no fish, one wet adjutant.

Pvt Herbert Carroll, our "individualist," had his troubles the other night . . . It seems that his lady friend couldn't make up her mind as to whether to go with Carroll or the other party involved . . . After carefully analyzing the 'individualist's detailed explanation of the out come . . . I find that the party involved swooned the fair hand . . . We understand that Sgt "Rough-house" Davis is calling on a mysterious lady called "Frances" these days . . . How about you, "Rough?" Pfc Sherod Hopkins and a certain lass from Redding will be ringing the wedding belles in about two months . . . Now I think it would be a crime if Sherod's pal Cpl Sherod Harris, presently with a night fighter outfit stationed at Bakersfield, couldn't attend the wedding as the two "Sherods" cherished their friendship to the point of brotherly love.

Sgt Ray Cornelius was looking over the service records of S/Sgt Robert Huhnke and Cpl Arthur Pribbenow the other day and found that both fellows were inducted at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota, but didn't know that each had followed each other during their time of induction until he saw their serial numbers . . . Since neither knew who was who at the time of their Army induction the two EM became acquainted here at Redding two years after they had come into the Army without the knowledge that they were greeted by Uncle Sam at the same time.

Squadron A News

Squadron A is very happy to have Lt. James G. Chambers back with us again as our Squadron Adjutant.

Our baseball team is "on the ball," so to speak, because up to the present time they have won five games and lost only one . . . Nice going, fellows, keep up the good work and I hope that in the future more personnel from the squadron will drop out to the ball park and watch you play.

Seen about town the past couple of nights were Sgt. Tippery and Sgt. Helman—Tipp was really on the beam when I noticed him, and Helman wasn't very far behind.

T/Sgt. Halverson is now enjoying a furlough somewhere in the continental United States. Word comes to me that if the Orderly Room doesnt receive a water cooler from the Supply Room before very long they are going to send for Hal to come back off his furlough . . . I think the boys better get busy, eh fellows?

The gent all covered with smiles these days is Sgt. Bill Farrell. His better half will have arrived by the time this column goes to press, so that is the explanation for the big smile.

Barracks 318, downstairs, looks as though it has been evacuated—I know because the other day it was time for my side to clean the latrine, and only four fellows were there. It seems that all the other fellows have taken furloughs; lucky guys!

Seen at the last USO formal and really cutting a rug were: Sgt McNally, Cpl Sindell, Sgt Drake, and an old member of the 10th, Sgt. James Allen. Jimmy is now with the Air Transport Command and says he likes it fine but misses the old gang.

T/Sgt. Harrington finally rounded up a couple of team to compete with him in his bowling alley. Better come out on top now, P. J., since you have challenged these other teams for a long time.

Cpl. "Zeke" Mazur sure is getting all pepped up over something these days. You don't suppose it's because he is getting a furlough the first part of July, do you?

The Squadron area really is getting in fine shape these days and I am inclined to believe it is just about the best darn looking area on the field. I think I hear more news on the invasion coming over the radio, so guess I'll lend an ear . . . so long.

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Private Chester A. Garland, formerly of Sq. C, smiles happily over news of his acceptance as an Aviation Cadet. Pvt. Garland left recently for Keesler Field to begin his Cadet training.

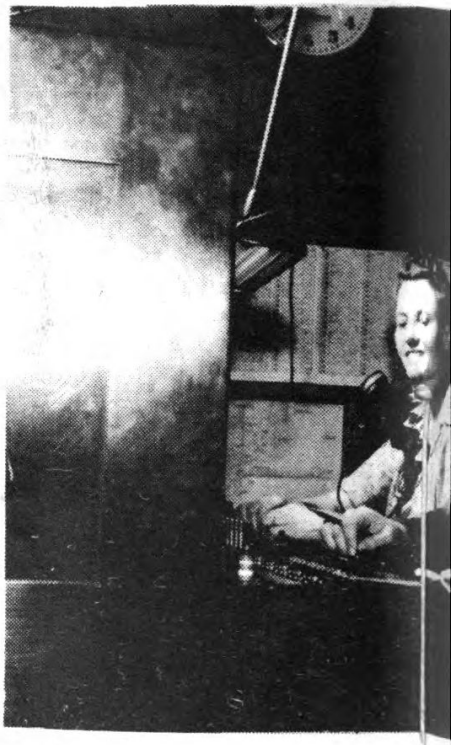


With an eye to the future, Pvt. Willis W. Shinn of Sq C, is first CAAF enlisted man to subscribe to the AAF Aid Society. 1st Lt. Lawrence Stringari, Specia Services O., is shown accepting his contribution.

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Captain Albert J. Little, Post Signal O., helps Sgt. Henry Darvil solve his paper work.



Miss Bennett, [illegible] chief telephone [illegible] is a charming [illegible] "the voice with [illegible] Assistant operat[illegible] background is [illegible]



Field tower and transmitter are under Captain Little's jurisdiction. T/Sgt. James Petro, transmitter NCO, services a control tower receiver.

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Constant code practice is the "key" word at the transmitter. Here T/Sgt. Serowik is limbering up at code table.



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Radio installations in MP patrol jeeps were made by Base Signal. Pfc. Jack Densmore, of town patrol, radios a call.

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This eye filling, radiant blonde is Lynn Merrick, recently appearing in Columbia's "Star Parade". Popular opinion is that she'd look sweet leading the Saturday Retreat.

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Your Dependents Should Be Prepared for Your Sudden Transfer

With the trend being to send more and more men overseas, it is important that you and your families be prepared for a sudden transfer. Personal Affairs Office, just south of the PX building, has prepared the following valuable information which your dependents should know.

It might be a good idea to clip the following article and mail it to them, or to provide them with the information.

a. Written instructions concerning the movement of your household goods to the expected domicile of your family, and instructions concerning their transportation.

b. Written recapitulation of your economic status, listing assets, liabilities, debts, other source of income, business arrangements, etc.

c. Written explanation and amount of the allotment you have made for their support and for payment of insurance premiums.

Written explanation of the benefits under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942, as amended (Cir. 310, W.D. 1943) and the arrangements you have made in connection therewith, if you are an enlisted man or an aviation cadet in the army.

e. Written explanation of and how to obtain the assistance of the Personal Affairs Division or Branch, the Red Cross and the Army chaplains.

f. Written instructions concerning medical assistance and hospital facilities available to your dependents, and how to obtain such assistance.

g. Written instructions concerning the benefits of, and how to obtain assistance under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended.

h. Written information of the location or the disposition you have made of important papers and property, such as your will, real estate, insurance policies, bank accounts, safe deposit box and keys, birth certificates, marriage certificates, divorce decrees, naturalization papers, jewelry, deeds, stocks, securities, notes, titles, automobiles, receipts, copies of income-tax returns, etc.

i. Written instructions concerning taxes.

j. Written instructions concerning the payment of any note, mortgage, loan, purchase contract, or other obligation, including installments, principal, interest, and other proper charges; and the payment of premiums on life, fire, automobile, liability and other insurance.

k. Written explanation of how they can obtain legal advice and assistance.

For further information, contact S/Sgt. Willard H. Reed in personal affairs. Various forms are available.

Lt. Col. Evans New Air Inspector

Back from three years service in the Pacific area is Lt. Col. John S. Evans, aregular army officer who has recently been named Air Inspector at Chico Army Air Field.

Lt. Col. Evans began flying long before war clouds were gathering over the United States, and almost before theer was a hint of things to come in turbulent Europe.

Leaving the University of Minnesota, where he had completed two years of an economics course, he took his flying training at Brooks and Kelly Fields, and was commissioned in February, 1939.

February seemed to be his big month, for it was on 15 February, 1941, that he arrived in the Hawaiian Islands, and on 18 February 1944 he arrived in the U. S.

Lt. Col. Evans has flown 25 combat missions with 100 combat hours in the Hawaiian, Midway Island and Solomons area. A fighter pilot from the time of his graduation from Kelly, he has flown practically everything from the old P-35s to twin engined P-38s.

He holds the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters, Asiatic Pacific and American Theater campaign ribbons.

Before being assigned to CAAF, Lt. Col. Evans was at Second Air Force headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo., for a short time.

THE COVER . . .

S/Sgt. John L. Murley with the "Biscuit Gun" signals to an incoming plane and Sgt. Lawrence J. Valerio communicates to another via radio from the Control Tower, the nerve-center of CAAF flying.

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QM and Headquarters Top Softball

This week's games (up to Wednesday) saw the Quartermaster and Headquarters softball teams maintain the pace which finds them only a half game apart, with Headquarters in the lead by virtue of a forfeit from the disbanded Link Trainer ten.

Manager Bob Love's Headquarters men have won six and lost one, while the Q.M.ers have won five tilts to one loss.

In their big game of the week, the Hq. outfit put down the Brown Bombers after a tough struggle. Four runs in the sixth inning did the business, although the losers threatened in the final inning. The addition of Charley Henson and Ernest Bauer helped Manager Love's boys.

Quartermaster had an easy time with the Medics, winning 5-1 earlier on the same day, Friday. Manager Johnny Murry, on the mound, bore down hard all the time, and Sgt. Tom O'Donnell on first base made some nice saves for the Q. M. gang.

Squadron B dropped Transportation down the line with an 8-4 victory Thursday, while the Brown Bombers knocked off Squadron D 6-4 Monday night. A postponed game between Squadron D and the Sub Depot was to have been played later this week.

In probably the wildest game ever played on the Diamond Match field, the Officers defeated the Transportation outfit 7-6, with 29 bases on balls being issued by three pitchers. Lt. Russell, Officers starter, allowed only one hit, but issued 18 passes, and Capt. Helvey, his relief pitcher in the final inning, gave up one more.

Draudt, pitcher for the losers, gave 10 free tickets to first base. At one time the winners held a 7-2 lead, but the Transportation men came up to 7-5 in the sixth, and added another run in the final frame.

In the second game the Medics remained up near the top by defeating the Sub Depot, 6-3. Clinghouse started for the Medics, but was relieved by Vera. Bally pitched good ball for the losers, but had poor support.

And the big game of the week, the Q. M. Headquarters tilt, was too late to get in the paper this week.

Flyers Meet Camp Beale Twice at Marysville

Hardball activity resumes today and tomorrow for the Chico Field Flyers when they play Camp Beale at Bryant Park in Marysville two games.

Both contests begin at 2:30 in the afternoon, according to Manager Charley Henson of the Flyers who is determined to sweep his first double bill of the season.

Thus far the Flyers have won two and lost two.

In the Saturday game Southpaw Charles Honors will open on the mound, and Sunday it will be Felix Treska, who pitched a five hitter against the Western Signal Corps School. Catchers probably will be Ernest Bauer and Jim Greco.

Two games last Sunday were cancelled when the Merced Army Air Field nine was disbanded.

G. I. Fishermen Boast Of Record Catch

Trout fishermen like to talk, especially successful ones, and the fifteen who went to Deer Creek on the Special Service trip last Sunday are no exception.

In fact, as we went to press, they still were bragging about their catches.

And with reason.

Six of the men caught limits, including Jimmy Mack of Sq. D, Pfc. Kenneth Sopher, Sgt. N. B. King, S/Sgt. Art Marks and Pfc. Terry Altman of Sq. A. As usual, Mack's limit included the biggest ones, one a 13-incher.

Pfc. Altman's bag also included a rattlesnake, but he isn't talking much about that one.

If you're interested in going along this time, there's still time to sign up at Special Services this afternoon. Lt. L. S. Stringari is the officer in charge.

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NCOs To Meet Tuesday Night On Downtown Club

Tuesday night is an important occasion for the CAAF Non Commissioned Officers Club.

For at a meeting slated for 1900 that night in the NCO club on the post the new quarters in town, voted for by a ballot of 355 to 20, will be discussed and proposed plans laid before the club.

Also a new president will be elected and a new board of governors.

In the absence of M/Sgt. Frank Marohnich, S/Sgt. John McGinley, vice president, will be in the chair.

Capt. G. N. Larsen, assistant post engineer, is preparing plans for the club rooms, which will be located above the American Theater on West Second Street in Chico. These are to be presented to NCOs Tuesday for approval.

A committee headed by 1st Sgt. Joe Bailey has investigated several sites in Chico and from all angles, the site chosen, which formerly housed the Chico Elks Club, was the best.

1st Sgt. Bailey, in a statement to field NCOs, said:

"You have shown by your overwhelming vote that a club in town is the desire of 95 per cent of the non commissioned officers of the field. To make certain that the club rooms in town are of the sort you wish, it is urgent that attendance at Tuesday's meeting be as large as possible."

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

(Including Tuesday's games)

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Headquarters	6	1	.853
Q. M.	5	1	.833
Medics	5	2	.714
Sq. B	3	2	.600
Officers	4	3	.529
Sub Depot	3	3	.500
Brown Bombers	3	4	.471
Transportation	2	4	.333
Sq. D	1	5	.172
Link Trainer	0	7	.000

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533rd AAF Band Notes Second Anniversary

Second anniversary of the activation of the 533rd Army Air Forces Band was noted on the post 1 June, but the real celebration by band members will be held at some future date.

Since 1942, when T/Sgt. Carl Modell and Sgt. Larry Palermo came here as the cadre of the group, until the present, the 533 d (at first the 33rd) has played for parades, retreats, concerts, camp shows, war bond benefits and many other appearances.

In addition, out of its membership has been created the Wings of Swing, a dance band, which has played at post, squadron and officer dances, and USO dances off the post.

Its commanding officer is Chief Warrant Officer Hiram M. Allen, who arrived to assume command 6 June, 1942.

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Quartermasters Defeat Hq. Team In 2-0 Thriller

In the most exciting and best attended softball game of the year, the Headquarters outfit was eased out of first place for the first time this season when the Quartermasters defeated them 2-0 Thursday night.

The winning run came in the first of the seventh when Pitcher Bob Stephens of the Headquarters walked a man with the bases full, and another was counted on a long fly to left field. Bellegarde and Peterson did the scoring.

The losers threatened several times, and the game ended with two men on and two out, but Second Baseman Shaw grounded to Sedlacek at third.

The best fielding plays were turned in by the rival shortstops, "Gimp" Gemple of Hq. and King Size Young of the Q. M.

Batteries were Murry and Assell for Q.M., Stephens and Kuncvic for Hq.

Squadron C

I'VE SEEN HERE!

By PVT. HARGRAVE

Never let it be said a hospital bed kept a Hargrave from using his head. Yes, from behind these four white walls, capsules and soup I'll attempt to bring you this sickly, I mean weekly, column.

Guess I'm suffering from that post-furlough feeling. When you go home it takes six months to get over it. Things are so different now. The girls declare a "Sadie Hawkins Day" the moment you arrive.

Have any of you G. I.'s read a Negro Digest? Well, you should. It's a very interesting and educational book. If you ever wondered about the negro's place in the post-war world, read one of these books.

It would be awfully nice if they would show us the movie "The Negro Soldier" or "Stormy Weather" or both. It would be great entertainment and I'm sure it would be enjoyed by all.

Noticed Pvt. Archie Dean the other day laying down a few rocks and as we all know, Dean is one of the squadron's cooks but the only thing that was cooking that day was him. He was boiling mad!

There are times when we can't get anything on the radio but transcribed announcements but we have a radio with a ercord-playing device in the day room, and we also have an orderly that keeps the records lockced up. What good is the machine to us?

Pvts. Lovejoy and Owens are patients at the hospital, doing fine. And Pvt. Hicks is away on furlough. I understand his leave was so short that instead of putting the customary furlough tag on his bunk it reads—Three Day Pass.

USO Activities

TONIGHT

Informal Swing Session at USO Club. Wives and Junior Hostesses invited. The Wings of Swing tenor band will play at 2030. Buffet super at 1800.

SUNDAY

Coffee and doughnuts served all morning. Movie at 2000, "Howards of Virginia."

WEDNESDAY

Bridge night; prizes and refreshments.

SATURDAY

Formal dance 2030 at Memorial Hall with Wings of Swing.

Chapel Services

11 June 1944

CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800; Confessions at 0730.
Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship, 1000; sermon, "Life That Counts." Special music by Cpl. Carl L. Cassano, French Horn.
Clare E. Tallman, Chaplain

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"Conserving rubber, eh Haskins?"

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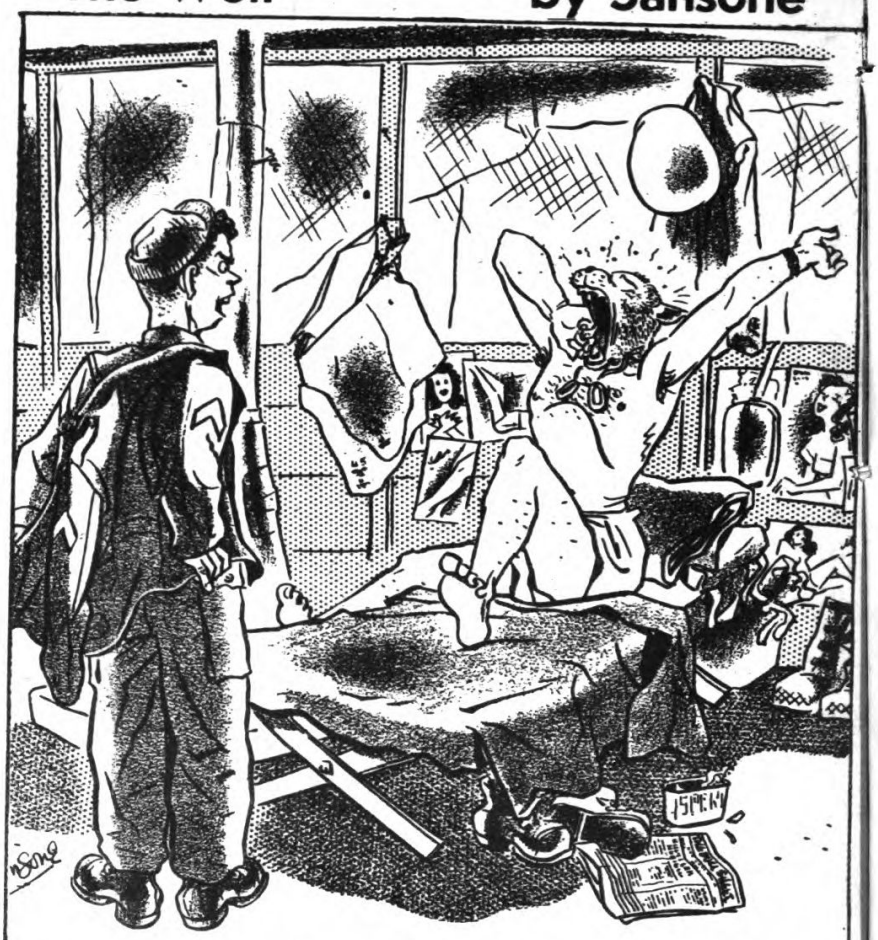
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The Wolf by Sansone



"If you spent less time in bed 'n' more time studyin, you'd make PFC too!"



"Me? I'm a four-engined pilot."



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Invasion Jump-Off Described

Eisenhower Heads Allied Naval Forces

By Edward W. Beattie United ... War Correspondent

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ... Expeditionary Forces, Somewhere in Great Britain, Tuesday, June ... Allied Expeditionary Headquarters announced today that Allied ... were landed on the northern coast of France.

The ... the greatest military operation in the ... which ... decided to crush Germany and ... the oppressed millions of Europe, was made ... Communique No. 1 of Allied Headquarters, shortly after 9:30 a. m. (3:30 a. m. EWT) about three hours after German broadcasting stations had said that the invasion was under way.

The Germans put the invasion front opposite the south England coast, centering around the Seine River estuary and the Seine Bay, about 80 miles from the British side across the English Channel, along a stretch of about 75 miles of the French coast.

The Germans said that air borne troops were playing a big part in the operation.

German broadcasts, which for three hours before the official announcement ... reported ... Allied invasion, ... was proceeding ... from the Normandy ... operation which ... ships across ... landings were ... fire.

... announced at headquarters that Gen. ... Montgomery, the tough ... of the Army ... on the ... which, it has been promised, will be followed by deadly blows from East and South.

American, Canadian and British ... were included in Montgomery's striking ... was announced.

Gen. Eisenhower's ... Communique No. 1 said:

"Under the ... of General Eisenhower, supported by strong Air forces, ... Allied armies this morning on the Northern coast of France."

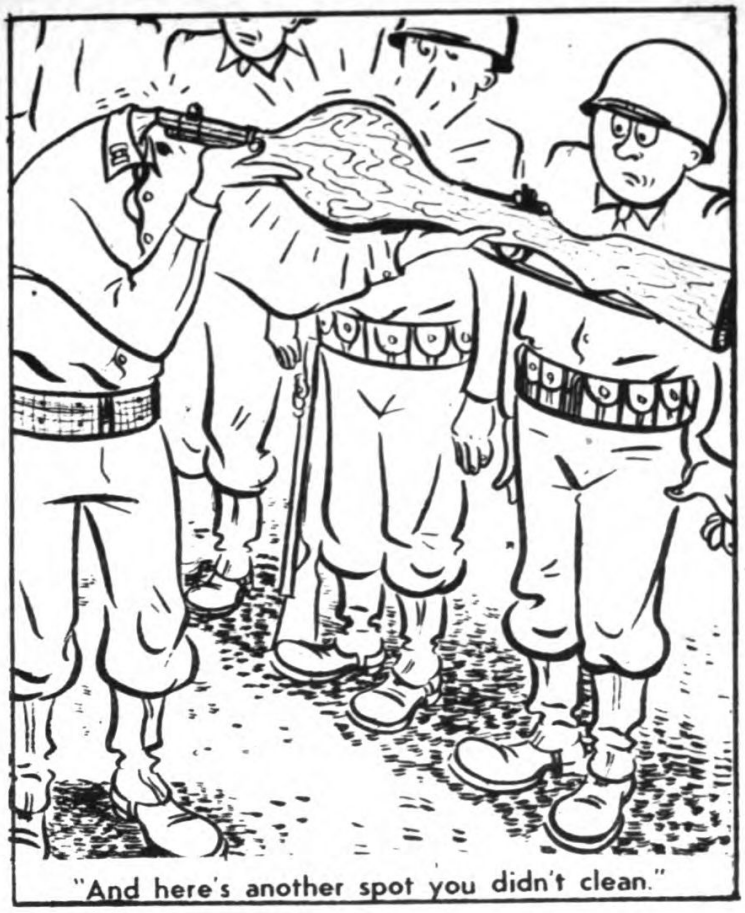
This was followed immediately by an order of the day to the assault groups, telling them that they were embarking on the "great crusade toward which we have striven these many months."

"The eyes of the world are upon you," the order of the day ... issued by Eisenhower personally ... said to the troops

King of Italy Gives Over His Power To Prince Humbert

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"And here's another spot you didn't clean."



"Just sit tight, Englander. We'll have your clothes any day—."



"At the moment, I can think of a lot of ways that you Wacs can't replace a man."



"But, gosh, Lucille, why wait till June to get married? June's a whole week away!"

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Two New High Ranking Officers Here

A series of coincidences which occur not too often in military life are one of the highlights in the military careers of two of the latest high ranking officers to report to Chico Army Air Field.

They are Lt. Col. William D. Sampson and Lt Col. Russell E .Sauvage, the former being appointed director of administration, and Col. Sauvage deputy commander of sub bases.

They were called to active duty the same day, 7 August, 1941—went to their first post at Wheeler Field, Hawaii, on the same ship, occupying the same cabin, flew to Guadalcanal on the same plane, occupied the same headquarters on the 'Canal most of the time, and returned to the States on the same boat, again in the same cabin.

And they were assigned to CAAF on the same orders.

Lt. Col. Sampson, a resident of Des Moines, Iowa, received his reserve commission in the field artillery in 1935 at Iowa State College. Before being called to active duty he was accountant for a hotel chain in Iowa.

In Hawaii he was adjutant of Col. Tyer's squadron, and went through the 7 December 1941 attack by the Japanese. In March 1943 he went with Col. Tyer's outfit to Guadalcanal, where he was adjutant. He then was transferred to fighter command there as A-1, and later as assistant executive officer.

He said that although he as happy to get back away from the mosquitoes, it was paved streets and electric lights he missed most—more than he minded insects.

"Malaria Control had done a beautiful job down there," he related, "and the mosquitoes were not half bad."

The new director of administration is married and has two sons, who will join him at Chico in the near future.

Lt. Col. Sauvage, who holds the Legion of Merit for his work in the South Pacific with supply, and whose military career so closely parallels that of Lt. Col. Sampson, hails from Rochester, Minn., where he was an assistant manager of a hospital.

At first with Col. Tyer's fighter group in the Hawaiian Islands, he was group S-4 officer, and then with the 13th Air Force on Guadalcanal, was A-4 for the fighter command there. He was responsible for upkeep of all fighter fields, and with liaison with the Navy on movements of men and supplies.

Besides the Legion of Merit, Lt. Col. Sauvage is authorized to wear the American Defense ribbon with one bronze star, the Asiatic Pacific theater ribbon with Central Pacific star and Solomons star.

He is a graduate of the University of South Dakota with a BA in Government and Business.

G.I. Entertainers To Stage War Bond Show in Chico

A large group of well known CAAF entertainers will do an additional bit for the Fifth War Loan 22 June in the Senator Theater in town by putting on another of their famous War Bond shows.

As usual admission will be by war bond purchase only.

Besides the G. I. entertainers there will be several Chico girls, most of whom have appeared before CAAF soldiers for post shows.

Sgt. Bill Farrell will be master of ceremonies, and heading the bill will be comedians Aubrey Mightower and Wilson Burtt, assisted by Sgt. Charley Helmer, Pvt. Max Day and Pfc. Carl Hubbell of Squadron C, a tap dancing and boogie woogie pair, Bob Krupp with vocals and T/Sgt. Carl Modell and the Wings of Swing.

Also there will be the famous "Corn Band" which rocked the post gym in the last soldier show. It is directed by Cpl. Julius Small.

FOSS GETS 27th JAP PLANE

New Ireland (CNS)—Maj. Joe Foss, holder of the Medal of Honor and first great Marine air ace of this war, is on the war path again. Recently returned to action, he destroyed his 27th Jap plane in the waters off New Ireland.

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Top Softball Pitchers also Youngest and Oldest

NOT LONG AGO in the CAAF Softball League, there was a terrific pitcher's duel, which aside from its merits as a softball game, had some other interesting aspects.

For on the mound for Sub Depot Clippers and the Headquarters outfits were the oldest and youngest pitchers in the league, both of whom have had outstanding careers in this popular sport.

On the firing line for the Clippers was Remy Bally, who at 45 is just about the top hurler of the loop. And for Headquarters was curly-haired, blond Pvt. Bob Stephens, who is not far past 18.

Bally, who is employed as aa machinist at Sub Depot Engineering, served two years in World War I, including ten months overseas, and is the father of two daughters, both of whom are older than rival pitcher Stephens.

EARLY START

The Clipper hurler started his baseball career in 1916 with the Chico Colts as a catcher, and after returning to the U. S. in 1919 began playing hard ball with various clubs around the Sacramento Valley.

In 1934 he began playing softball with the Diamond Match Company team as a pitcher and first baseman. He remained with that outfit until 1942, when he went to work for Uncle Sam and the Sub Depot.

STATE CHAMPS

During the time Bally was with the D. M. ten, they went to the state tournament six times, winning three championships, finishing second once, third once and once fourth.

In the seven games pitched thus far, he has averaged about a strikeout per inning, and his earned run average is mighty low. A swell pitcher, and a great guy, the boys in the league say.

Pvt. Stephens, who has been in the army since August, 1943, started his pitching career when he led his grammar school team to the championship of Knoxville, Tenn. Next he started with a club team, notching nine victories. He pitched in the Knoxville city league for several years, and just before entering the army pitched 25 victories in two years with the runners up in the city championships.

So far at CAAF he has pitched a one-hitter, a two-hitter, and a couple of three-hitters.

Although he has been in the army ten months, Pitcher Stephens has been stationed at eight Air Force stations. He is a dispatcher at post operations.

Education Offered To Officers, Enlisted Men

A high school or college education for a couple of bucks can't be beaten, brother, and its equivalent is open to you in the U. S. Armed Forces Institute. It is the official school of the army for off-duty education.

Formerly its courses were open only to enlisted men, but now commissioned, warrant and flight officers may take them. For a fee of two dollars one may take as many courses as he wishes, including English, Social Studies, Mathematics, science, business, mechanics, electrics and civil or architectural drawing.

Courses may be started at any time, and an unlimited opportunity exists. See your orientation officer for further details.

Chapel Services

18 June 1944

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Mass at 0800; Confessions at 0730.
Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship at 1000; sermon, "A Study in Contrasts." Special music by Lt. Robert L. Nesmith, baritone.
Clare E. Tallman, Chaplain

Wichita, Kans. (CNS)—When one inmate of the city jail reported the loss of his false teeth, a jail-wide dragnet was spread. The choppers were recovered from the mouth of a trusty.

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G. I. Bill of Rights Before President

Washington—The G. I. Bill of Rights—a measure designed to ease financial readjustments for veterans of World War II—has cleared the last congressional hurdle and was sent to President Roosevelt for signature.

The House finished legislative action by unanimously approving a conference report ironing out differences between the Senate and House versions. The Senate accepted the conference recommendation.

Rep. William J. Miller, R., Conn., told the House that he will introduce an amendment after the President acts on the bill to prevent veterans with "blue discharges"—neither honorable nor dishonorable—from sharing in its benefits.

He said that the measure gives men with such discharges full compensation for the first time in the nation's history. "That was certainly not the intent of Congress," he said. "These men were frankly no good to their service or to their country."

Principal benefits under the measure.

1—A maximum of 52 weeks unemployment compensation at a rate of $20 weekly, payable at any time during the first two years following discharge.

2—A government guarantee of 50 per cent, but not more than $2,000, on loans for purchase of farms, small businesses and homes.

3—Four years educational aid at a rate of $500 yearly for tuition, plus $50 monthly for singe and $75 monthly for married veterans.

4—An employment service to assist veterans to obtain civilian jobs.

Notes from Redding

By Pvt William Pitts

REDDING AAF—"N" Squadron—I hear that the mates of S/Sgt. "Alvin" Dennerline, Cpl. Paul Lemke and Cpl. Donald Dryer are expecting a bomb-run by the stork in the near future. Boys, I think a cool "Singapore Sling" would be an ideal substitute since there is a drastic shortage of the customary stogies

Cpl. Jesse Gorche, a former member of this organiaztion, was visiting in Redding this past week. Gorche tells me that he is working next door to Gen. Lynd! S/Sgt. Stinky Taylor says that Jesse's nose has taken on a sun-burned hue, but I saw the corporal and I think his nose has the same color as of before departing Redding.

S/Sgt. Robert Huhnke is all smiles and grins these days. He says he won't be making out a pass every night for his boy Cpl. William Jursick now that we have Cllas "A" passes. Sgt. Ralph Van Dusen says Jursick is like an unreliable radio range, he fades and urges since receiving his Class "A".

Pvt. "Wolf" Scellato had the situation well in hand before roll-call at Ma Blazer's Saturday Night Spot. I could see that the "Wolf" had completely out done the regular patronites at the Shamrock brass-rail rest. When last seen the wolf had prey completely out of reach of other Shasta wolves.

I'm betting my bottom dollar that there isn't a Joe in the 433rd Base Unit that can outdo Pvt. Clinton Massey when it comes to shin-digging at a fast tempo. Why, Clint had the girl from Buckhorn reaching for her socks and shoes when the jazz-crazed music makers of Ma Blazer's concluded that hot down-beat number. Your scribe can say that he witnessed the American folk dance shagged at its best the other night at Ma's.

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Diamond Match Team Replaces Links In Softball Loop

Highlight of the Softball League, as the teams completed the first round this week, was the addition of the Diamond Match Company team of Chico to replace the disbanded Link Trainer outfit.

Entering the league only with the idea of having some recreation and fun out of it, and to aid the league fill out its schedule, the D. M. outfit will take over the Link's record of no victories and nine defeats.

Not much is known about the present Diamond Match ten, but in the pre-war days it had won several state championships. Remy Bally, pitcher for the Sub Depot Clippers, was a first baseman and pitcher for them.

Wednesday night the Q. M. outfit eked out a 3-2 win over Squadron B, with Louie Ruben the winning moundsman for the Robbers. He was in trouble several times because of lack of control, but couldn't be hit when he was right.

On the same night the Sub Depot Clippers took Squadron D in a postponed game, 3-2, and on the following night knocked off Transportation 6-0. And of course Thursday was the date for the 2-0 victory by Q. M. over Headquarters, reported in last week's Flyer.

Friday night the Officers squeezed the Medics by 1-0, when Major James Martin singled, stole a couple of bases, and scored on a wild throw. Lt. Thomas Howells was the winning hurler.

On the same night Squadron B stayed in the running with an easy 8-3 triumph over the Brown Bombers.

Monday night the Quartermaster had another close shave, barely defeating Sq. D, 3-2, with John Murry coming to relieve Louie Ruben on the mound. In the night game. Headquarters routed Squadron B with a 14-hit barrage good for a 13-2 victory. Phil Martin of Headquarters, with two doubles in three trips, was the top sticker.

Despite a homer by Cleon Henry which tid the score in the sixth, the Transportation outfit went ahead in the last of the seventh to take the measure of the Brown Bombers 6-5 Tuesday night.

USO Activities

TONIGHT

Formal dance at the Memorial Hall from 2030 to 2330. Wings of Swing will provide the music.

SUNDAY

Movie at 2000, "Road to Morocco," your old favorite with Bob Hope.

WEDNESDAY

Bridge night at the U. S. O. All you bridge fans come and try your luck. Your wives are invited. Refreshments and prizes. Beginners are also welcome.

Golf clubs and tennis rackets are available for all those wishing to use them. Reservations taken at the USO office—phone 1707.

CAAF Softballers Win Pair of Contests

Two softball teams from CAAF won easy victories over Redding outfits on Diamond Match Field Sunday afternoon.

Headquarters trimmed the Redding Civilians, 10-1, knocking out 15 hits, while Squadron C walloped Redding AAF 13-5.

Pitching for Headquarters were Stephens, Fotenot and Bodie, while Hill took the mound for Squadron C. Harvey of Squadron C had four hits in four trips, while Thomas and Hill each were good for three.

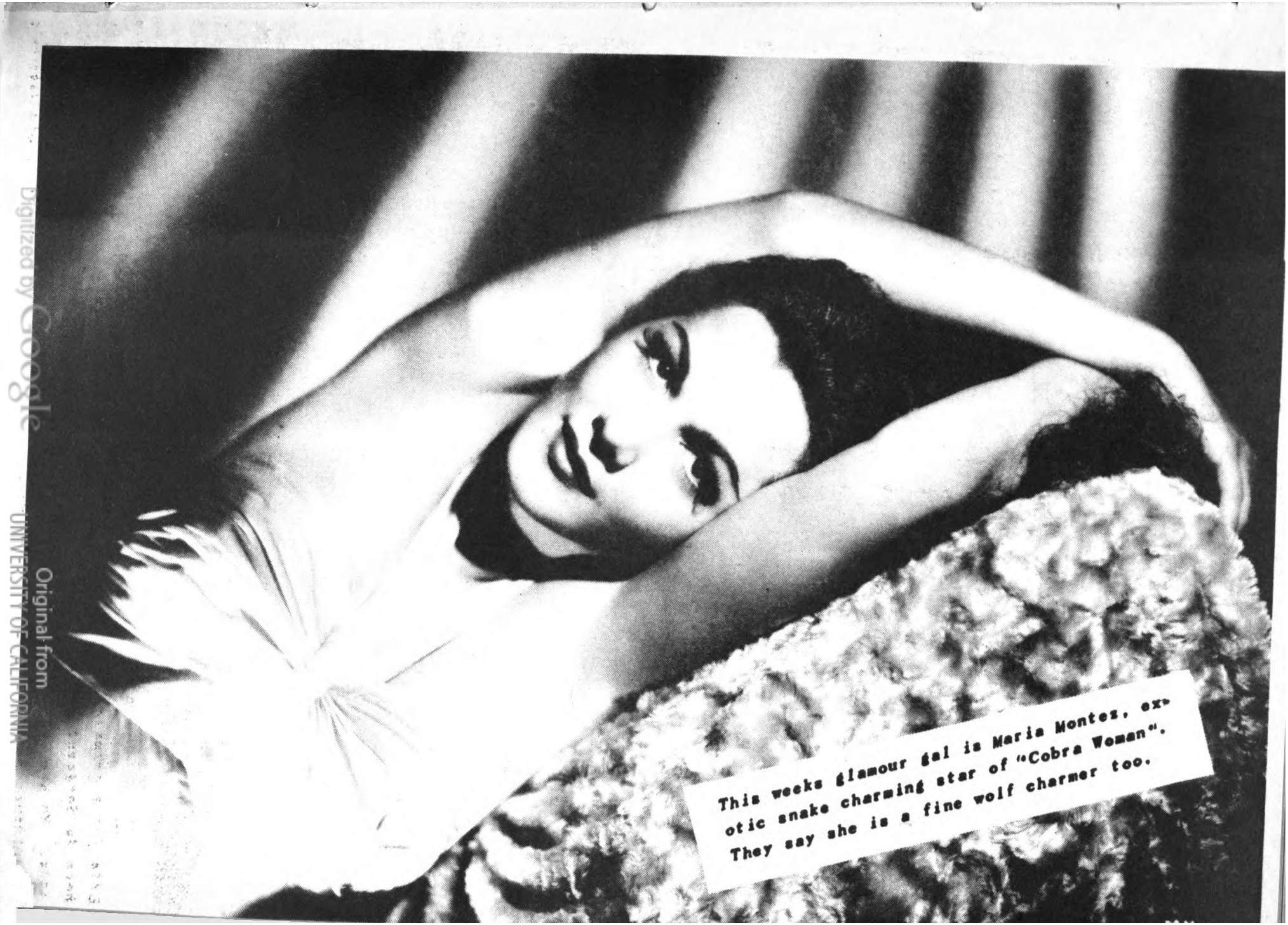
SOFTBALL STANDINGS

(Including Tuesday's games)

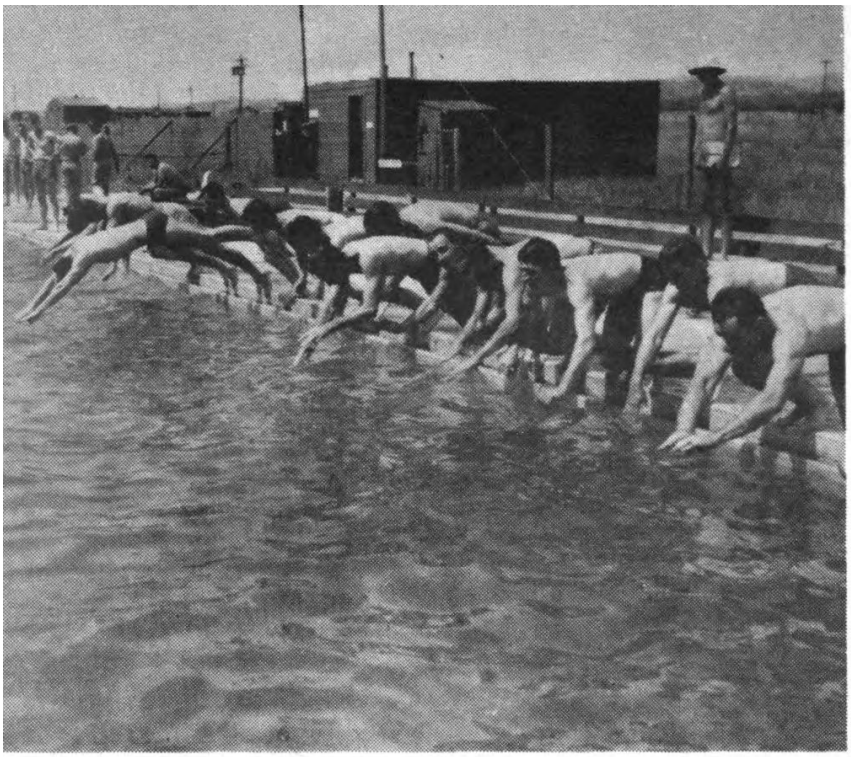
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Headquarters	7	2	.778
Medics	6	3	.667
Sub Depot	5	3	.625
Officers	5	3	.625
Squadron B	5	4	.556
Bombers	3	6	.333
Transportation	3	6	.333
Squadron D	2	7	.222
Link Trainer	0	9	.000

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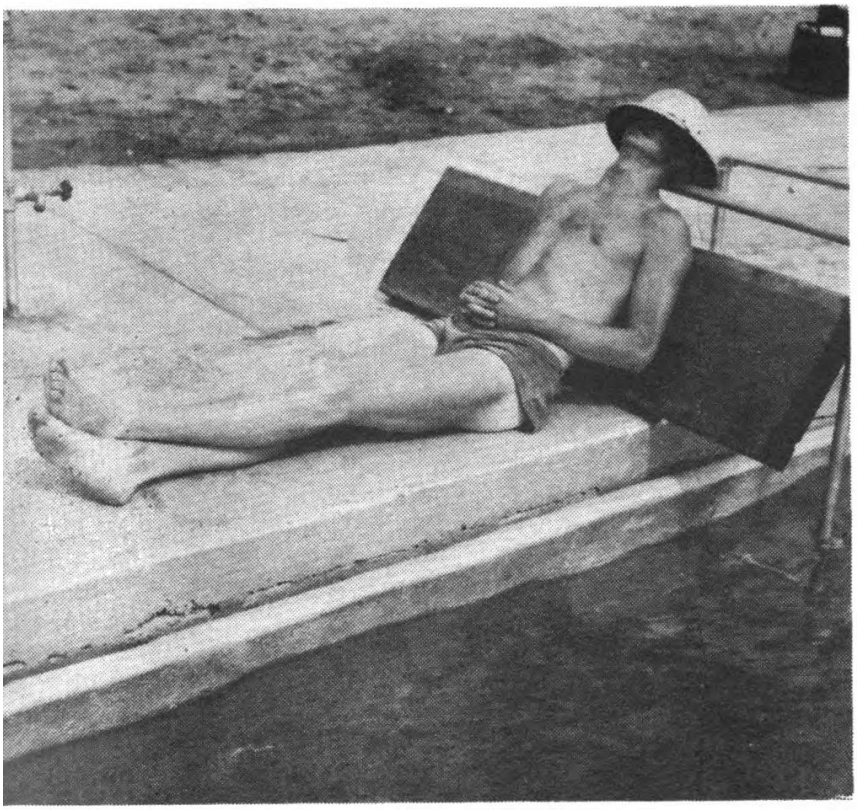
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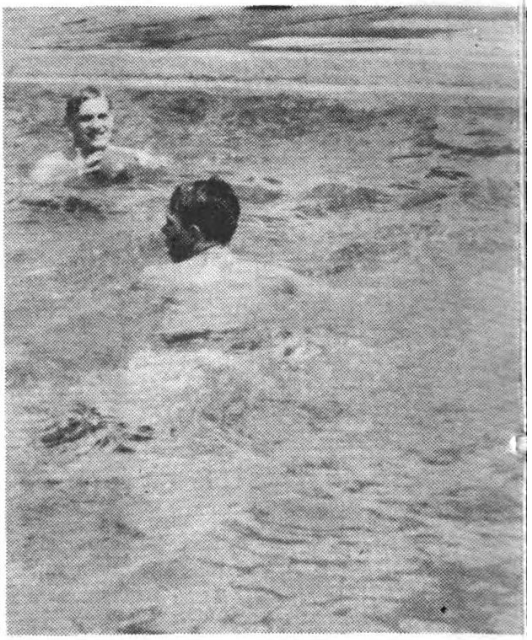
They're off! A swimming class of officer trainees dive into the pool. That is not Trader Horn in the background wearing the sun helmet, but Sergeant Richard K. Jones, Class Instructor.



It's winner take all in a m
pool has become a popular
right now.

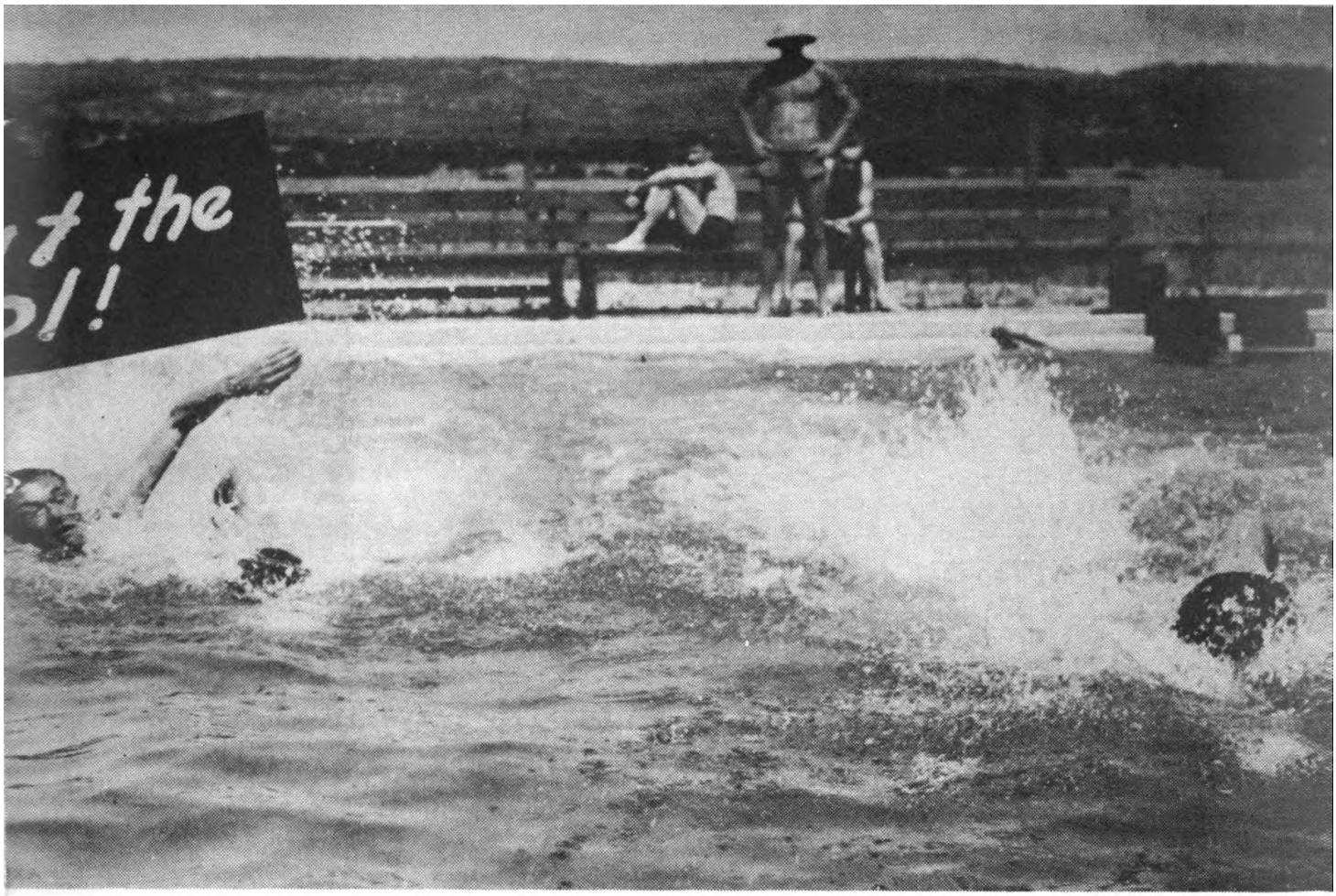


Life for a swimming instructor must be rough, for here is Sergeant Jonesy, in a typical industrious pose. Ho Hum, we wonder if the Physical Training Department can use another life guard.

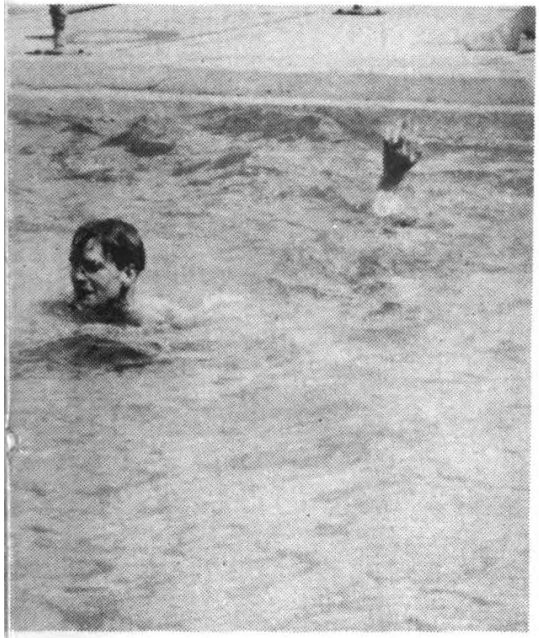


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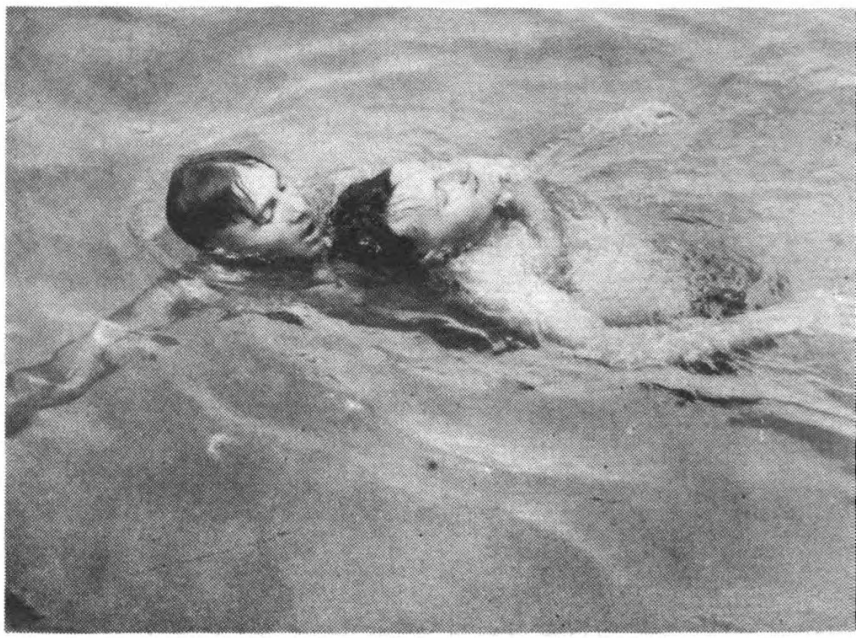
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d, splashing race across the pool. During these scorching days of late the south oling off place for enlisted men in their free time.....which gives us an idea



oozes in the sun, the trainees the water. These classes in- , as well as other principles this! The man's hand in upper drowning. Help! Help!



With great skill and daring our hero paddles to the rescue. Overpowering the struggling man, Jonesy tows him to safety. Well, well, if it isn't Sergeant Dale Rice, which convinces us this whole thing is a put up job.

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Flyers Win Two; Play Here Tomorrow

Combining effective pitching with strong hitting, the CAAF Flyers hardball team took two games from Camp Beale over the week-end, with the first being played at Marysville under the lights Saturday night, and the second at Camp Beale Sunday afternoon.

Tomorrow afternoon on Memorial Field in Chico the Flyers play the Western Signal Corps School, beginning at 1430.

Cpl. Charley Honors, a portsider, handily won the first contest 11-0. allowing only three hits and striking out 12 men. Felix Treaska was on the mound in the second game, which the Flyers took by 12-10.

He was in trouble quite often, but he committed four errors to give himself plenty of trouble. Bill Smith also took a turn on the mound.

Big hitter for thhe twin bill was second baseman Lee Gamble who cracked out five for eight, and tallied five runs. Third sacker Lynn Everson also had three blows while Gregory and Friedmann had two apiece in the second tilt. One of Gregory's clouts was a home run.

In the first contest Pfc. Bill Smith, who filled in at right field, cracked out a triple.

Scoring was distributed throughout the seven innings of the first game, while out at Camp Beale Sunday the Flyers went to town in the second frame, tallying five times. The Beale men went to town in the sixth inning with six scores.

This was the first double header won by the Flyers, whose record now stands at four victories and two defeats.

Special Service Keglers Looking for Matches

The Special Service bowling team still is looking for matches on the post, although they have split a pair of tussles with civilians from town. Their last victory was by 292 pins.

On the team are T/Sgt. P. J. Harrington, S/Sgt Will Reed, Cpls. Zane Mazur and Ollie Smith, Pfc. Terry Altman and Sgt. Jack Nuttall, alternate. Any outfit seeking a match can get it by calling Special Services, Ext. 308.

Soldiers to Get Ballots By 15 September

Applications for soldier ballots at all Army installations within the geograpahical limits of the Ninth Service Command for the November federal elections will be distributed not later than 15 September, it was announced today by Lt. Col. J. O. Wiley, Service Command Soldier Voting Officer at headquarters at Fort Douglas, Utah.

The Ninth Service Command, headed by Major General David McCoach, Jr., consists of Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Utah, Idaho and Nevada.

As Chief of the newly formed Soldier Voting Brnch, Colonel Wiley explained that Voting Officers will be appointed at all posts, camps and stations within the Command to provide solders with material for registering as well as the applications for an absentee ballot. Ballots will go directly to the Secretary of Staate at the soldier's home state.

The Branch throughout the Service Command is expected to be organized by 15 July, Colonel Wiley stated, and will handle the voting of soldiers in the Army Ground Forces. Army Air Forces and at Ports of Embarkation as well as members of the Army Service Forces. Overseas ballots, handled through another jurisdiction, will be distributed by 15 August.

Camera Club Programs Set for Two Weeks

Camera Club programs for Wednesday, and a week from that day have been announced by Pfc. John Coad, chairman. Meetings are being held in the post library building, upstairs.

On Wednesday at 1830 to 1930 it will be enlarging for beginners, and from 1930 to 2100 the program will include copy work for advanced students. Beginners are asked to bring their negatives.

On 28 June it will be film devlopment for beginners in the first hour, and then portraits for advanced students. In order to be on active status in the club, members must attend one meeting a month.

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Oroville Sets Mark On AAF Aid Drive

By Bob Hardcastle

OROVILLE AAF—The AAF Aid Society membership drive far exceeded our expectations when, after feverishly counting up the take and checking the roster, we found that our organization had joined up 98%! We were unable to contact the other 2% because, like the proverbial bar—it went over the hill. Anyway, boys, we can breathe easier now without that .45 sticking in our ribs.

Our estimable 1st Sgt. Creepy Hendrickson seems to have a mania for doing things with a minimum of wasted effort. For instance, when he wants to locate a rattle under the hood of the jeep he's driving, do you think h'll stop, climb out, and walk around to the front of the vehicle to open the hood? Oh no—he gets there by the simplest and most direct way—through the windshield. Attaboy, Hendy! Maybe this war would be over a lot sooner if more of us would follow your example and cut down on red tape, too. Then again, maybe not!

Our baseball team is considering changing its name from the Oroville Hepcats to the Oroville Squaries unless a radical change occurs in the forthcoming baseball scores. Meeting the Oroville Olives, a city team, in a scrub game for the first tilt of the season, we were trounced 9 to 0. Vowing a rousing comeback, we sallied forth again on the 4th of June only to come out of the fracas battered down to the bottom of a 22 to 2 score. But we've determined to devote more time to diligent practice and closer teamwork, and hope that soon we'll be winning a game. Wonder what it'll feel like?

We've been doing so many dipsy-doodles at calisthenics that e chant ourselves to sleep with that well-known refrain "Ode to an Aching Thigh," or "You May Call It Calisthenics but it Feels Like Hell to Me." Cpl. Stanley Ellis says that his legs are getting so wobbly that he's going to sue them for non-support. And Sgt. E-Flat Jarvis claims that he's been doing so many push-ups his wife swears he looks more like a hypodermic syringe every day! Incidentally, I'd sure like to have an action shot of "Gargantua" Way doing sit-ups. He slays 'em.

At the Post Library

A BELL FOR ADANO by John Hersey

This is a novel by the young war correspondent who wrote "Into the Valley." It is a novel, but it is also the truth. It is about the Americans in Italy, and tells of an Italian-American major who tried to rebuild an occupied town along the lines of his own good instincts and democratic upbringing.

He understood the wonderful, smple people of the town—the fishermen, the officials, the cartmen, the children who ran in the streets shouting to American soldiers to throw them caramels—and he knew how much they wanted to carry on the customs of their homeland but also how much they wanted and needed a new freedom. He found that an ancient bell which the town had loved had been taken away by the Fascists to make gun barrels, and he did something about it. He and his new friends ran into some crippling difficulties—red tape and prejudice which revealed themselves in astonishing quarters.

Mr. Hersey spent three months of the summer of 1943 in the Mediterranean theater, covered the Sicilian campaign, and lived for some time in a village like the Adano of his story. His novel has the kind of truth that could come only from first-hand knkowledge coupled with profound understanding and feeling.

Three Promotions

Promotions of three army nurses stationed here, from second to first lieutenant were announced this week. They included 1st Lts. Doris J. Case, Virginia M. Morrison and Inez Y. Wallenius, the latter receiving a discharge from the military service.

New York (CNS)—There's a law in New York against selling policy slips. But Minnie Dolinger, of the Bronx, thought she could beat the law by writing the policy numbers on her thigh with indelible pencil. Minnie's in the cooler now—and the numbers have been preserved as evidence in photographs.

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KNOW YOUR MOS? WELL, THEN — GET ON THE BALL!

What's your classification? Do you know your MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) and duty number? And are you acquainted with the official description of your job?

If you can't answer all these questions with a resounding yes, you'd better get on the ball and find the answers. Under eye-catching signs on all squadron bulletin boards you can find a complete, up-to-date roster of enlisted men, listing duties and MOS by title and number, together with a folio containing official information on what you must be able to do in order to hold down your current MOS.

All this is but one phase of a Fourth Air Force campaign to acquaint military personnel with their MOS and duty titles and numbers, together with a general idea of what is expected of them if they are to retain a particular job title.

Another phase of this campaign is aimed at the distribution of the "Certificates of Eligibility to Wear AAF Distinctive Sleeve Patch" to certain technicians in the fields of Armament, Communications, Engineering, Photography, and Weather.

Here at Chico Army Air Field these certificates are signed by 1st Lt. Charles A. Johnson, the Classification and Assignment Officer. They are then distributed to enlisted men authorized to wear them by the squadron commanders. The sleeve patches, which, incidentally, bear the distinctive insignia of the particular technical specialty, are obtainable upon presentation of the certificate to the squadron supply sergeants.

Wearing these sleeve patches is mandatory, and classification specialists at Chico Army Air Field are making spot checks of qualified enlisted men, observing whether they are being worn on fatigue clothing.

Savannah, Ga. (CNS)—Arthur Arbethnot was eating a beef stew in a cafeteria. He ran out of bread, went to the counter to replenish his supply and when he returned he found another man eating his stew. When Arbethnot protested, the stranger looked up indignantly. "What's the matter?" he asked. "There's plenty more left."

Squadron A News

By Sgt. Charles A. Helmer

Has anyone noticed the mad array of desks, chairs, etc. in the orderly room lately? It seems that the floor is getting a working over and all the fellows are camped in corners and are moving around in a space that normally would be occupied by one or two men. Don't tear all your hair out, fellows, because the floor has to dry sometime and then you can move back to normal operating positions again . . . I see that the purge didn't have to take place in the Supply Room as the Orderly Room received their water cooler, so now I imagine everything is "Red and Rosy Again."

Speaking of working (awful thought . . . isn't it?) the fellows in barracks 318 have been putting their shoulders to the wheel and really cleaning up the floor getting it set for the floor hardener and wax. S/Sgt. Arkles is the "Simon Legree" who stands over the boys and cracks his whip at them so consequently that is the reason for such excellent work! All joking aside, though, the fellows are pitching in and making 318 the best barracks of the squadron. S/Sgt. Arkles is doing a swell job, so apologies for the sarcastic remarks preceding.

At the last USO picnic held deep in the wilds of Bidwell Park, several of the Sq. self the job of keeping the fires going for Sgt. McNally was there, and took upon himself the job of keeping the fires going for the roasting of the wieners for the hot dogs. Pvt. Blumenthal was at the mike, helping in the leading of songs. S/Sgt. Earl Hoffman came and had a darn good time taking part in the singing and eating. Cpl. Sanford Sindell was in there pitching also. All the comments heard thus far was the cry of "When's the next one going to be?" (USO please take note).

Squadron A lost some of the old members of the former 10th this past week to other assignments. The Squadron wants to wish them all the luck possible wherever they may be going and hopes we all meet again sometime in the very near future.

The baseball team is going strong but I still think they need a lot more support from the members of the Squadron. How about having a big turn out for the next game played and really get behind the old team and give them the support that they rightly deserve.

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Sq. "D" The North End Kids

By Sgt. Timbrink and Cpl. De Martini

Greetings! This is your old maestro returning from God's country—ahem—better known as the "Evergreen State," where the sun really shines all the time!

Since I've been furlough bound, Dan Cupid has been shooting his love arrows deep in the hearts of certain members. Remember, fellas, this is still leap year. Many a gal would like to be a June bride.

News to yours truly is: Pvt. (Cueball) Peterson returning back to the old squad on after a slight lay over in Web City, Tuckwillow. May your stay be a long and enjoyable one. Pete, here's wishing you all the luck on your new job, working with Wobble Pump.

Beech Chee Gall Loopee, better known as Si our supply Sgt., is strutting around with one leg in a cast. How did it happen, Si? In the battle of Chico?

Wheater (Bar Fly) Cpl. Flanagan has joined the ranks of the Salvatiton Army, or is just being patriotic in making their street sermon a hit parade. How about it, Archie?

Big Chief (Smile Once in a Blue Moon) Sgt. Bartelt has his ittle bitty inger all wrapped up. And it's broke toooo. Did McCarty step on it, Bart?

Sgt. Dennis' new style hair cut . . . super duper fashion of our P X barbers. Personally, Dennis, Cpl. Flanagan has oodles of experience in trimming lawns. And I do think he could do as well, if not better.

A tornado in California? Earthquakes, yes, but naught of the terrible twisters down Texas way. Our money was down that it was the end of CAAF and sundry Friday last. The sky darkened, the wind howled, blowing all the real estate in divers directions, as well as a couple of unchaperoned Cubs. The calm that usually pervades the mess at evening chow was rudely shattered by the blowing in of a transom light and more bits of the sunshine state flavored what was before a very succulent stew.

Sgt. "Lut" Luttrell, our champeen upholder of the ancient art of angling, caught himself a nice one. He ain't talkin', no siree.

Sgt. Highwire Bob Johnson is all smiles. Reason: the Mrs. has come to town.

If you hear the saxophonic cry of "Benny Goodman" coming throught the stillness of a quiet summer's night, in the vicinity of 718, it's sure to be Sgt. Malinowski giving his all on the licoric stick.

Word comes via "underground" (the slowest of all ,but most reliable. In fact, newspapers and small children all know of things, before the underground even gets an inkling) that "Pop" Joe Slay, former scribe, poet, publisher and man of letters is holding his own against the insect life of New Guinea. Shades of Oroville!

The Bulldogs of Squadron D were slightly overshadowed by the Quartermasters Monday night. Obviously it was not "D" Day but the Bulldogs had the Quartermasters sweating. "Changepace" Porter did the twirling and many a razzle dazzle left his twinkling fingers. Sutton knocked a nice one to bring Porter in for the first run. Cpl. "Stationary" Harry Scherer was looking them over but too late—three nice ones zoomed over the plate and it was three strikes and you're out. Meantime Sutton was stranded on third and Simmons stymied on first. Let's get behind our team—come on out and talk it up.

Fellows, this is your column. So if you have a joke you want to send in (subject to censor, of course)or a joke on us (duty free), send it in and we'll print it. Let's make this your column.

Sq. D and O First In AAF Aid Drive

Squadron D at CAAF and Squadron O at Oroville AAF became the first two 433rd Base Unit organizations to subscribe 100 per cent in the Army Air Forces Aid Society, it was announced this week by 1st Lt. L. S. Stringari.

The drive on the post was completed Thursday, but memberships may be received at Special Services Office any time after that, he said.

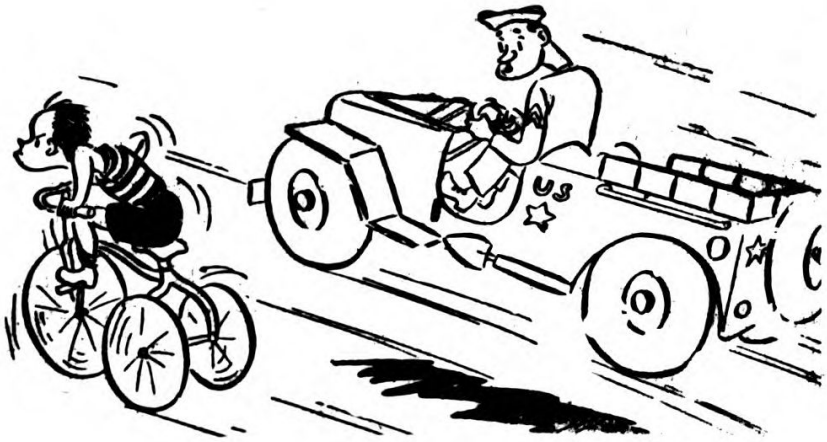
Total amount collected thus far is $2,165, but a final report will be made in next week's Flyer.

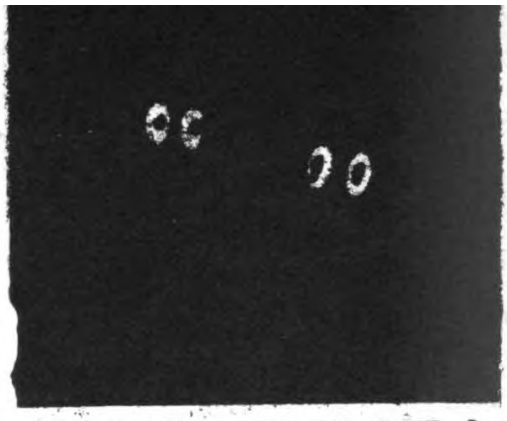
Percentages thus far by organizations:

A—40%; B—56%; C—24 per cent; D—100 %; M—43%; O—100 per cent; Officers—50 %; Band—25%. No reports have been received as yet from Sacramento, Marysville or Redding.

Pittsburg (CNS) — Leo Geisler, a war plant worker, wants a divorce. He complains that his wife recently cashed 60 of their jointly-owned war bonds "to entertain her boy friend."

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"Don't be so difficult—ONE obstacle course a week is enough for me!"

Male Call



Party Platform







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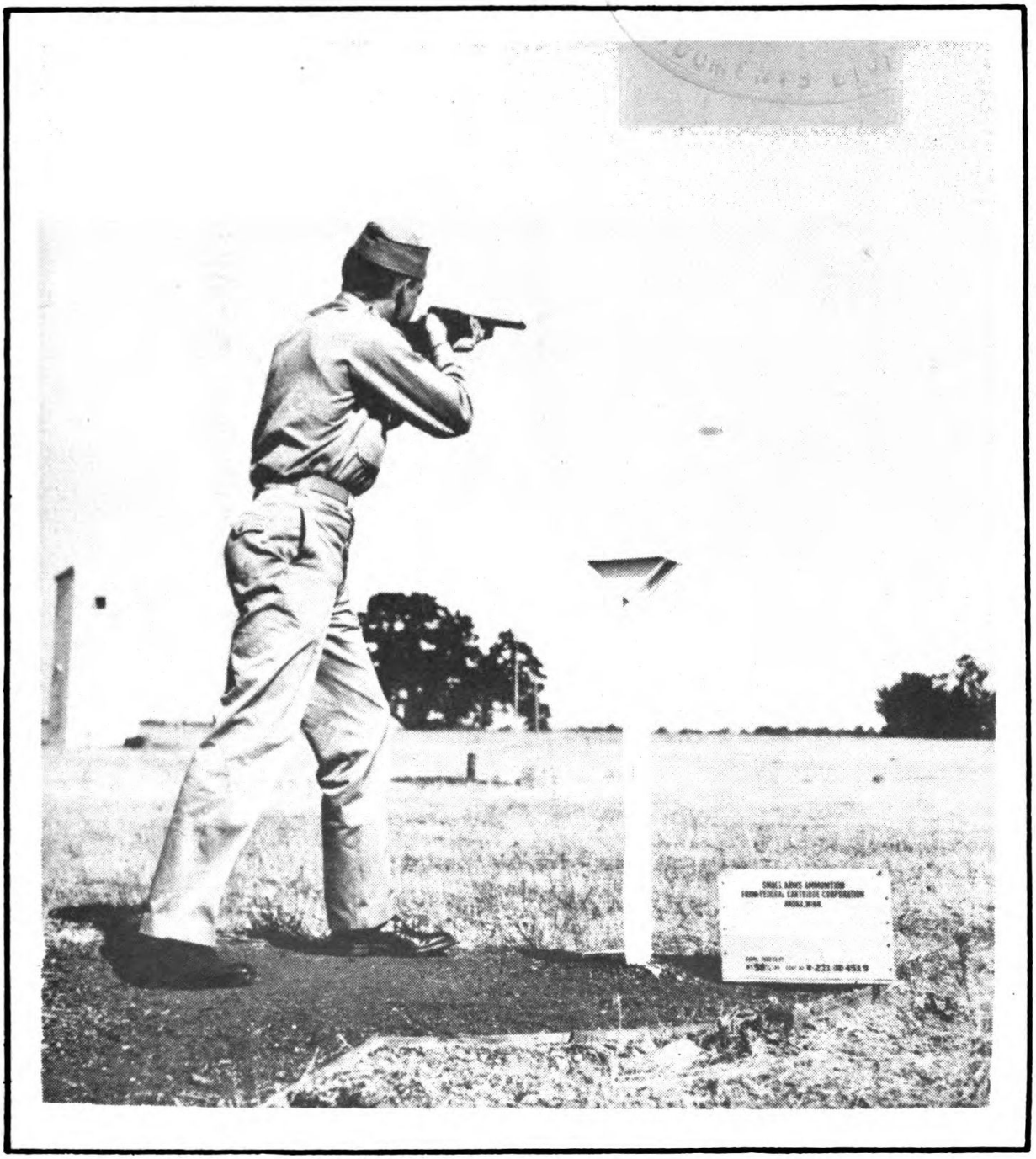


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LIFE SAVERS



SATURDAY night isn't the only "Night of the Bath." When in quiet areas take advantage of all opportunities to protect your health by frequent bathing.



KEEP on the lookout for sources of water along the routes of advance to **supplement your normal supply before water dumps are established or in case deliveries are unavoidably delayed.**



"GENTLEMEN . . . today we inaugurate a new calesthenics program to prepare you for the rigors of jungle warfare."



"Oh, well—you can't have everything."



"YOU—need a haircut!"

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Ordnance Sgt. Wounded in S.W. Pacific

The atmosphere at post ordnance is grim and warlike, but not half so much as some of the places visited by Master Sergeant Chancy Hills, a veteran of two wars and 31 months in the South Pacific.

M/Sgt. Hills, who works in ordnance and who has been on the post only a few weeks, has experiences that would easily fill a book.

When the Jap carrier based planes struck at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, M/Sgt. Hills was on a troopship ten days out of Honolulu and bound for the British naval base of Singapore.

When news of the attack was flashed to the ship, the course was changed to Australia. Later it was found that the American convoy had passed within 30 miles of the Jap naval task force which hit Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field.

Shortly after his arrival in Australia, which was one of the last Allied outposts in the Pacific at the time, the commanding officer of his squadron called for volunteers on what he termed a suicide mission.

"Fifteen gunners were needed on a freighter which was to carry suppies to General MacArthur and his boys on beleaguered Bataan," M/Sgt. Hills related, "but virtually the entire outfit asked to go."

Finally after much selection M/Sgt. Hills and 14 others were chosen and the expedition got underway.

They arrived at Batavia, Java, on 3 Feb., 1941, ust one hour after the first Japanese bombings there. And with the arrival of the invaders in Borneo, new problems hit the convoy.

"They were massing to invade Java, and that meant we had to change our course. We sailed from Batavia, retraced our course southward and then turned east through the Timor Sea. Close to New Guinea we swung north and headed for the Philippines.

NEVER MADE IT

"But we never made it. A group of Nip dive bombers spotted us, and within a few minutes our ship was at the bottom of the sea. As we abandoned ship the Japs strafed us, and many of the crew were hit. I took two bullets in the back."

M/Sgt. Hills related how they drifted on the open sea for eleven hours, with only life belts and floating wreckage to hold them up. Fortunately for them, ocean currents carried them to a small island off the northwest coast of Australia.

"We remained there for fifteen hours without food or water, or any kind of first aid for the many men who were badly wounded. Before an Australian ship spotted them, the officer in charge of the party died of wounds.

MOST RESCUED

"All but eleven of the crew were rescued by the Aussie boat, but most of us were more dead than alive," he said.

Following this incident, which won for him the Purple Heart, he spent several months in a hospital at Darwin, Australia.

He spoke of the Australian people who are cheerfully accepting staggering taxes, and standing in line for bread.

"I've seen men burned to death at sea, and seen men die in fox holes, and I believe the very least the people of America can do to show their appreciation for the sacrifices our men are making is to buy war bonds—and until it hurts."

M/Sgt. Hills is a resident of Tacoma, Wash., and first enlisted in the Army in 1917.

Last Minute Announcements

Post baseball team plays Redding Town team tomorrow at Redding ball park, 1430.

Meeting of the NCO Club members 26 June to elect officers, work on club rooms in town. See bulletin boards for time and place.

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Oroville G.I.s Go For Bonds

By S/Sgt. Bob Hardcastle

OROVILLE—The new $10 G. I. War Bond was so favorably impressed on the minds of our boys that nearly half the squadron has signed up for the monthly $7.50 allotment on a bond-a-month basis! Several others have initiated allotments for $25 war bonds, too. Keep it up, gang. That's the kind of response we like to see.

We miss the familiar puases of Tex McKnight, Pruneface Walker, Bailey Root, and Clarence Collier, who tranferred to Sq. D recently, and we hope they like their new surroundings.

A civilian who was in the orderly room the other day was scared out of a year's growth when Cpl. "Dillinger" Davidson charged through the door brandishing a small arsenal, consisting of a sub-machine gun, a carbine, a rifle and a pistol. To allay the frightened lad's qualms, Davey had to explain that he was only carrying the guns back from a weapon nomenclature class.

"Laurel" Ellis came down from Operations a few mornings ago with an exciting tale of how the guard on the air field gate, "Killer" Kelly, had just shot a big diamond-backed rattlesnake which had been menacing his post. Sniffing a possible news item, I went with Ellis to the spot, where I found Kelly staring in awe at the crushed head of a little 14-inch grass snake! If you fellas had really seen a rattler you'd probably call it a boa constrictor, huh?

Latest rumors have it that Bonventore Nonnie Rotolo is trying to get his moniker changed to Bonventore Notzie Jones. How come, Bon-Bon? Doncha like the name "Rotolo"? Speaking of names, there's probably lots of us who wish our middle names could be buried about 15 feet under the sod. There's Casimer, strictly from hunger. Then there's Amos, Jerome, and Ivan. And ask Johnny "Puss" Irvin what his middle name is. It rhymes with "cancel."

CO Lt. Ward read the President's Proclamation at a Flag Day retreat formation held on the 14th of June. The ceremony was so successful that from now on we're having retreat formations twice a week.

Some of the boys were a little embarrassed at last Saturday's inspection when they couldn't answer the current events questions fired at them by the inspecting officers. Better tune in to the quiz kids this week, fellas. We don't want to get caught with that blank look on our pans again, do we?

1st Sgt. Owl-Eye Hendrickson is thinking seriously of having "Lightnin'" crews put his bunk tag up in the telephone booth. We'd like to hear one of those scintillating 95-minute conversations he indulges in every day, Careful, Flash, some of the darndest things can happen in telephone booths.

Iowa Girl Marries Trainee At Chapel Ceremony

In a ceremony Tuesday at the post chapel, Miss Jean Mildred Speegle of Cedar Falls, Iowa, became the bride of 2nd Lt. Harold D. Cunningham of Longmont, Colo. He is a trainee at CAAF.

The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Clare E. Tallman and the bridal couple were attended by Mrs. Ruth A. Anderson of Cedar Falls, and 2nd Lt. James A. Logan of "T" Squadron.

Mess Hall Painted And Decorated

It may not be the dining room at home, but CAAF's general mess is a much nicer place in which to eat than it used to be.

Under the direction of Captain G. N. Larsen, assistant post engineer, the walls and ceiling of both dining rooms and kitchens were painted light green and curtains were hung on windows. These were furnished by the Special Services Office.

Forms Are Here

Forms on which information necessary to dependents of men going overseas can readily be filled in, are available at the Special Services Office.

Some of the items necssary were listed in last week's Flyer.

India (CNS)—Lt. Lester N. Hofheimer, 27, AAF pilot killed in this theater last December, left his personal fortune of nearly $1,000,000 to institutions organized for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes.

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New $10 G. I. Bond Now Available!

Hey, sojer!

Wanta buy a bond a month? You say you can't afford a full bond?

Well, you're wrong about that, even if you're a buck private, for the new series E "G. I. Bond' 'of $10 denomination is sold on the Class B allotment plan only, and for a deduction of just $7.05 a month you have a bond.

It cannot be sold for cash until authorized, and is for military personnel only. The new bond was announced last week by the Adjutant Generals Office.

It will be issued and delivered as soon as the new bond stock is available which is designated as August, 1944.

You can sign up for it now in your orderly room, and as soon as a complete bond is purchased under your present allotment, it will be discontinued, and the new $10 bond a month plan substituted.

Discontinuance of installment purchases will be made on anniversary date only, eliminating the necessity of mailing checks on balances accrued.

Only one allotment plan per subscriber is allowed at any one time.

Sq. "D" The North End Kids

By Sgt. A. H. Tumbrink

Three cheers for the pilots of Tiger flight: they gave the men of Tiger flight a beer party. The bbrew flowed freely to the musical accompaniment of the Flyers band. Pfc. Biddlemeier held forth on his guitar, especially with his rendition of "Sweet Georga Brown." Capt. Tullis gave us some ditties he learned from the "Aussies" from down under. "Push Em Up" Manzo gave us the real low down on Mussolini; page Major Bowes. The cooks gave us a regal picnic lunch, even the hot dogs were good: how come?

The best of luck to "Buck" Stugis, "Whitey" Churhan, Bob Helsel, and last but not least: "Flash" Gordon, who left us last week. Poor Tojo is a bewildered canine these days, but we understand that Gordon has made arrangements, financial and otherwise, to have Joe Loya ship her down to him at his next station. "Sham" is looking for a likely place to drop that "bundle of joy"; so look under your beds, boys, to see if you were the honored one.

The "Bulldogs" met and defeated the boys from Transportation Monday night, with a score of 8 to 1. "Tornado" Turner did the twirling and Hammond did the catching, while Transportation did the swinging. Porter was back from the hospital to do the umpiring; glad to see you back, John.

A few stalwart lads wrapped their shins in canvas and slung water bottles on their hips and ventured forth to search for two pilots lost in the mountains Sunday. We said our farewells to our buddies and left the address of nearest of kin and set forth not knowing quite where or when. But alack and alas, all we had was a nice Sunday drive without having to do the driving, as another group had arrived before we did, and as they did not want to send the rest of the post out to look for us too; wehad to turn back, our leggins free of stain and our water bottles still full of the deelicious water of Chico. But it was a swell ride, wasn't it, fellows? And we'll all go again sometime, won't we, huh?

USO Activities

Movie tomorrow night at 2000, "The Magnificent Ambersons," Orson Welles' dramatic hit, starring Joseph Cotton and Ann Baxter.

FORMAL DANCE Saturday, 1 July at Memorial Hall at 2030.

SWIMMING PARTY

Thursday, 29 June. Watch your squadron bulletin board for sign up sheets or sign in U. S. O.

Entertainment — Refreshments and Junior Hostesses. Limited number of men only, so be sure to sign up.

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G. I. Entertainers Sell War Bonds

Chico Field's G. I. entertainers did it again Thursday night.

Before a packed house at the Senator Theater in Chico, they provided the entertainment which brought out the bond buyers, who made a huge financial contribution to the war effort. Also on the program were interviews with Col. A. W. Tyer, Major C. W. Sawyer and M/Sgt Chancey Hills.

Heading the Fifth War Bond show were Sgt. Charles A. Helmer, Cpl. Wilson Burtt, Pfc. Ritchie Watson and Pvt. Aubrey Hightower, who wrote, directed and produced the evening's work.

Masters of ceremonies were Sgt. Bill Farrell and Sgt. Helmer, with three CAAF musical organizations. These included the Wings of Swing under T/Sgt. Carl Modell, The Solid Seven, a jive organization under Pfc. Jud Cooper, and Cpl. Julius Small and his Corn Band.

Other entertainers included the Squadron C boys, Pvts. Max Day, tap dancer, and Carl Hubbell, a boogie woogie lad, soloists Sgt. Roy Garden and Pfc. Bob Krupp, and bit parts by S/Sgt. I. Steinberg, Cpl. Wilton Schiller, S/Sgt. Earl Hoffman and Lt. Sidney Annis.

Assisting the soldiers were the following Chico young ladies, who sang, danced and what have you:

Joan Craft, Helen Poore, Jean Compton, Marietta Burn, Grace Crowder, Mildred Evans and Dolores Culver.

Interviewer was 2nd Lt. Sidney Annis. The officers and M/Sgt. Hills told of some of their combat experiences.

Battery of Phones Now In Recreation Hall

Improved public telephone service for the men at Chico Army Air Field is foreseen with the opening last Tuesday of a bank of five telephone booths in Building T-300, or the Rec hall.

Located in the Recreation Hal across from the PX, the new installation will provide a comfortabe spot for the G. I.'s to do their telephoning.

In the process of being redecorated and furnished with comfortable lounging furniture, the new installation has been provided through the cooperation of Special Service Officer, Lt. Stringari, and H. L. Hudson, Camp Telephone Manager for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

In the near future Mr. Hudson expects to provide stationry for those who wish to write letters while waiting for calls, and magazines will be available for those who wish to read.

Open from 0800 to 2200, the new booth concentration is expected to considerably reduce the waiting time on long distance calls and Lt. Stringari and Hudson hope the men on the base make full use of these facilities.

Special Offer by YANK Benefits Squadrons

Beginning with this pay day, a special offer is being made by YANK, the Army Weekly, which will benefit not only the service man, but his squadron fund.

Here's the setup. In every orderly room an enlisted man or clerk will be appointed by the CO to enter YANK subscriptions as men leave the pay table. At a special YANK table, subscribers' names will be listed as they peel off a buck or two, depending on how long they want their subscriptions to run. The rates are $2 per year (52 issues); $1 for six months.

But in addition to all these advantages to the YANK subscriber, by entering your subscription at the orderly room this pay day, you'll be contributing to your own squadron fund. Ten cents out of every dollar for YANK subscriptions will go into the unit fund, so your money will be doing double duty. Let's go, CAAF! Here's a chance to build up the unit funds and get YANK at the same time.

And here's another angle which has been bothering CAAF soldiers living off the post. Should he be stationed here and residing in Chico, YANK will be sent to his Chico address, but he may not send a subscription to his Aunt Sadie in Milwaukee.

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When it comes to glamour, Linda Darnell has puh-lenty and she gets many chances to show it off in Seymour Nebenzal's film, "Summer Storm" released by United Artists.

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D. M. Team Threat in CAAF Softball

Big news of the week in CAAF softball circles was the threat of the Diamond Match team, which entered the league in place of the disbabndec Link Trainer outfit. In one of the fastest games this season they knocked off the Quartermasters 3-2 Friday night, and then Tuesday swamped Squadron B 25-9 in a weird affair.

And from the looks of the outfit, any team in the league is going to have a tough time stopping them. However, when they entered the league they assumed Link's record of no wins and nine losses, and they will have to win all the rest of their games to figure in the running.

Tuesday, League President Murry announced that by a decision of maangers, the league would run an extra round, thus making a 36 game season which will end in September.

In other games this week Headquarters staved off the challenge by the Mdics in Monday's game, winning 5-4. Both Bob Stephens of Hq. and Bennie Vera of the Medics were hit rather freely, although errors figured largely in the scoring.

Headquarters also stepped on Squadron D, 5-3 last week, although the losers held a lead in the first inning. Whirlwind Turner and Stephens were the pitchers. Turner and his Bulldogs decisioned Transportation 8-1.

Meanwhile the Officers were winning one and losing one, both by a single run. They trimmed the Sub Depot team, although Bally allowed only three hits. Two errors spelled defeat for the Clippers. The Officers then dropped a 9-8 decision to the Bombers Tuesday night.

The Squadron C outfit overcame a six run lead in the fourth and went on to win in the last of the seventh when Darnell knocked Wilbur Henry in with the winning run.

Other games saw the Officers decision B Sq. 13-6, the Medics trim Transortation 5-1, and the Brown Bombers and Sub Depot play a 13 inning, 9-9 tie. It finally was called to allow the second game to go on. Bally and Overton did the pitching, and it was a wild contest until the extra innings.

Flyers Lose Great Game to Signals

In one of the best played army baseball games ever played in Chico, the Western Signal Corps School defeated the CAAF Flyers 6-5 in ten innings at Memorial Field in Chico last Sunday.

The game had eevrything from both spectator and player standpoint. There were fielding gems, good hits and plenty of thrilling moments.

Aside from one inning, the fourth, in which the visitors scored four times, Pitcher Charles Honors had a good day, although there were men on bases most of the time.

There were hard, clean hits aplenty, including triples by Lt. Lynn Everson, Cpl. Charley Henson and Sgt. Ced Holliday, and a terrific poke over the right field wall by Henson which curved foul by inches.

And then there were sensational catches by two Signal Corps outfielders.

Lt. Everson followed his triple with a drive nearly to the centerfield wall which was caught by McCarty of Signal Corps in his bare right hand. And Right Fielder Burk not only made some nice catches but cut off a pair of runs with his accurate throws to the plate.

Eddie Driscoll and Bennie Friedmann of Chico each turned in a pair of sharp singles, Driscoll's drives sending home two runs. Catches Jim Greco also had two blows.

The short score:

Team	R	H	E
Signal Corps	6	10	1
Chico Fieldl	5	11	2

Hill and Pan; Honors and Greco.

Post Softball Team

At a meeting of softball managers Tuesday at Special Services plans were formulated for a post softbal team, with players to be recruited from various organization teams by a vote of managers.

S/Sgt. John Murry presided over the meeting, at which time the league trophy was displayed by 1st Lt. F. L. Bartlett, physical training officer.

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Employees Assn. Officers To Be Nominated Soon

Tentative nominations for the CAAF Employees Association officers close Monday and the election will be held about 15 July, it was decided following a meeting of the nominating committee last week. President Charles Phillips appointed the committee.

All nominees have been contacted, and th names of those who have accepted nominations have been posted on all civilian personnel bulletin boards.

The committee will meet for final consideration of candidates 28 June. Members are advised to suggest further candidates to their department committee member.

Members of the nomination committee include Neva Brockman, chairman; Bill Roberts, Jack Knight, Mary Jo Turney, Hazel Boynton, Winfield Riley, Marcella Bramwell, Charles Rhien, Gus Smith, Ella Sousley, Manaem McLain, Phyllis Mitchell, Don Wadlington and Neva Curry.

London (CNS)—Karel Stein, 29, a Czech soldier, killed himself here because he was depressed by the "extreme redness of his nose,' according to an inquest finding.

Capt. Tullis Awarded Oak Leaf Cluster

Presentation of the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal was made to Captain Robert W. Tullis, a flight commander at CAAF, Wednesday night at the weekly review parade by Col. A. W. Tyer, commanding officer.

Captain Tullis is a veteran of the South Pacific theater of operations, where he flew 104 missions as a fighter pilot, later becoming a flight leader. His home is in Lafayette, Ind.

His oak leaf cluster is for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained combat missions from 24 October to 2 November, 1943.

The citation follows:

CITATION

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL — "For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained combat operational missions as element leader from 24 October to 2 November 1943. Flights were of a hazardous nature during which there was traversed an area where enemy anti-aircraft fire was effective, or where enemy airplanes or exposure to enemy fire was habitually expected and in numerous instances encountered. This individual reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States," as announced in GO No. 109, USAFISPA, 21 January 1944, Section I.

Chapel Services

25 June 1944

CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800; Confessions at 0730.
Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning worship at 1000; sermon, "The Greatest Adventure in the World." Special Music by Cpl. Robert W. Anderson, baritone.
Clare E. Tallman, Chaplain

MIDWEEK

Midweek Service Wednesday at 1930.
"Masterworks of Music" Thursday at 1930.

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"Battle of China" On Post Orientation Program

Highlighting the orientation program this week will be the long-awaited film, "Battle of China." This is the sixth in the series of "Why We Fight" pictures, and is reported to be the most stirring of the series.

This campaign began in 1931, when the Japs invaded and seized Manchuria. The film will show China in the decade between then and 1941, depicting the enormous difficulties of establishing a republic, and of holding off the invaders with practically her bare hands.

The schedule for this film will be printed in the DIS, and all showings will be in the north theater Monday, 26 June, through Saturday at the following hours.

0900, 1030, 1300 and 1500. See the DIS for your squadron's time.

Squadron C

I'VE SEEN HERE!

By PVT. HARGRAVE

Sorry I couldn't be with you G. I.'s last week but other duties made writing entirely impossible. So we'll get down to this week's gossip . . .

There's been talk about a new military objective (girl) in town. From what I can gather she's supercharged with a fuselage on the beam, to say nothing about a beautiful pair of retractable landing gears she owns. So my advice to you is, make a three point landing in town and taxi this babe to some nearby hangar (bar). Of course you may run into some stiff opposition but I'm sure one of you can score a direct hit which will bring you the DFC award—(Dainty, Frantic and Cute).

If you ever wondered what has happened to 1st Sgt. Baker and the shoe shine girl in town, it's just as simple as this—he couldn't "shine" so she gave him the brush off.

Walk into the supply room and ask for something and watch those guys walk around you as though you weren't there. It appears to me that at some time or other they had a supply of wooden bains but used them themselves.

S/Sgt. Wade has asked me to inform the men in this squadron to visit the library located in the Day Room. There is plenty of good reading matter among these books. So get in the reading habit.

Hitting Stars

Hitting heroes of the week were Lt. Elmer Sandager of the Officers, who clouted two homers in the Officer-Bomber game, and Sluggers Suttle and Delzappo of Squadron B, each of whom turned in a four ply swat against the Diamond Match.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

(Including Tuesday's games)

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Headquarters	9	2	.818
Q. M.	8	2	.800
Medics	7	4	.636
Officers	7	4	.636
Sub Depot	5	4	.556
Squadron B	5	6	.454
Bombers	4	6	.400
Transportation	3	8	.272
Squadron D	3	8	.272
Diamond Match	2	9	.182

The Brown Bombers defeated the Officers softball club in a thrilling game Tuesday night by the score 9-8. There was plenty of action coming from both sides. Harvey, Overton, Gamble and Darneal played bang-up ball for the winners, Darneal driving in the deciding run in the last half of the ninth when the score was eight all. Lt. Sandager was the leading hitter for the losers, smashing out two homers.

To the relatives and friends of the men of this squadron who read this column, it men were members of a rescue party that is interesting to note that a number of these saved the life of an officer whose plane had crashed in the mountains some few days ago. These are your unsung heroes and I know you are very proud of them.

San Francisco (CNS)—Harvard-educated Caro Lippman, Jr., arraigned on an insanity charge, so successfully defended himself in court here that he was freed by the jury. Lippman charged that his father wanted him confined "because I wanted to live my own life."

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Male Call

Tool-Happy Terminology



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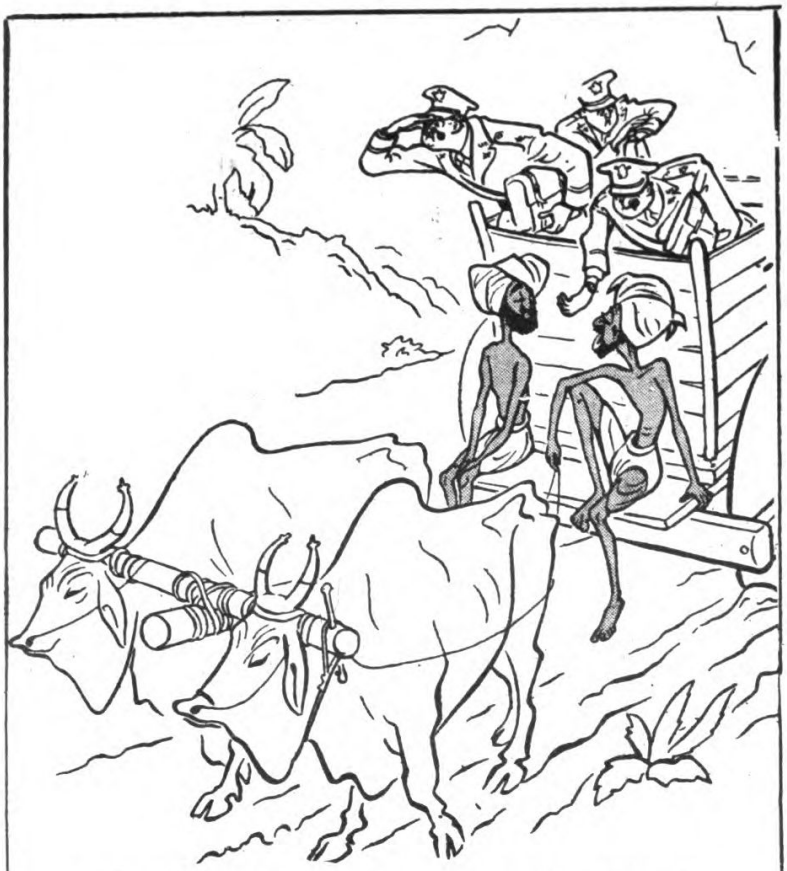
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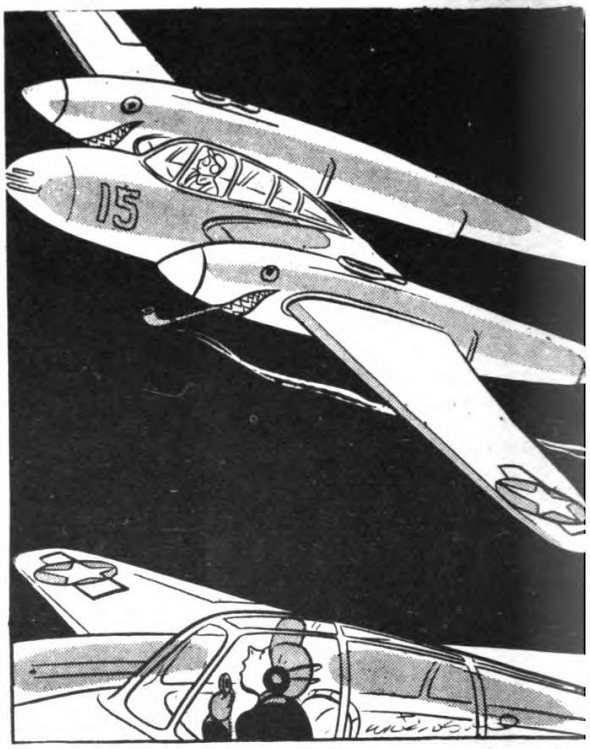
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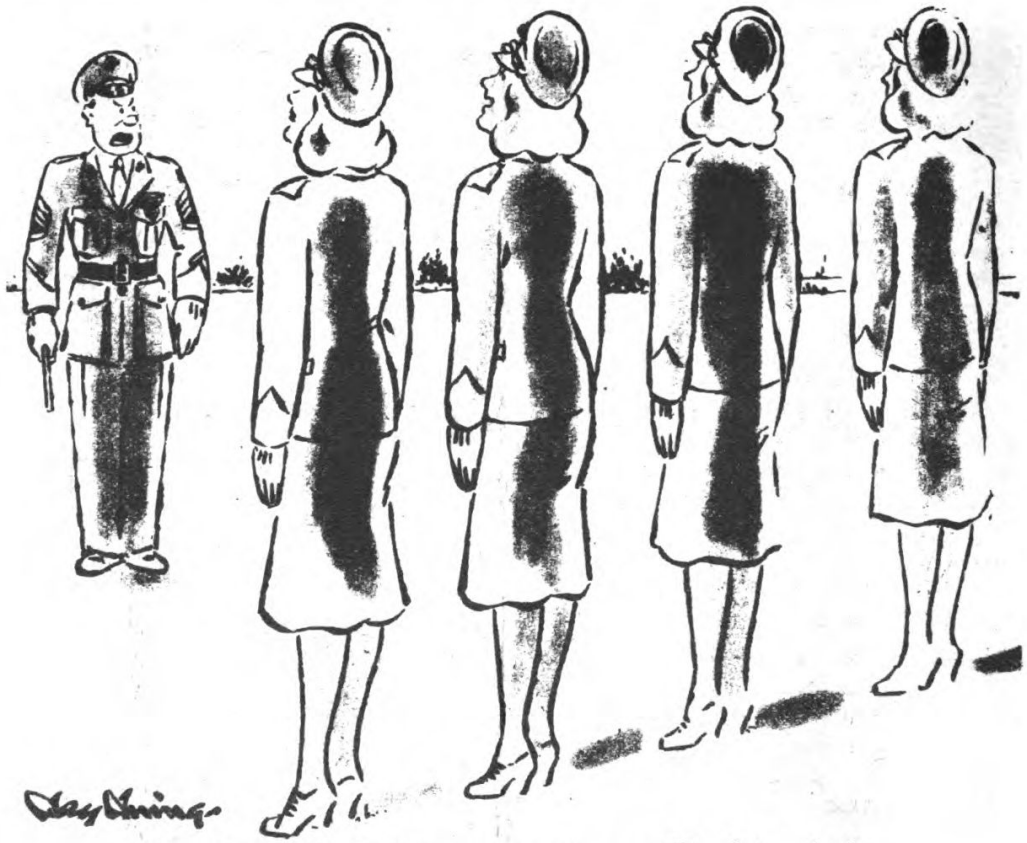
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"It's always hurry, hurry, hurry—I suppose in America the oxen run like deer"



"Number 15, your port engine is smoking!"



"Positively! He's the same guy. . . . Used to sit in the first row, fourth seat, and whistle! Remember?"

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Squadron A News

By Sgt. Charles A. Helmer

The first thing on my mind this week is the job of asking the Squadron to forgive me for not getting in a column last week. The Fifth War Bond Premiere Show took most of my time but now that operations are somewhat back to normal I promise to get Squadron A back in the news . . .

I am told that now you may approach Pfc. George Ryan and he will talk to you since his furlough application has been approved. Up to the time of said approval friend Ryan refused to talk to anyone.

What well known softball player didn't show up for several of the games the team played? I think his name is Martin.

Cpl. Leon Funis paid the field a short visit the other day after being transferred to Sacramento. Leon is stationed at the Municipal Airport there and says he is doing a combination job of telephone operator and guard on the main gate.

Have you noticed the "Sun Tan Boys" each day during the noon hour taking a dip in the post swimming pool. The above mentioned are more commonly known as T/Sgt. Widmer, T/Sgt. Harrison, S/Sgt. Buikema, Sgt. Vranna, Sgt. Ogle, Sgt. V. Lewis and last but by no means least, Cpl. Sorenson.

We wonder what makes S/Sgt. Arkles so impatient about getting his furlough. Could it be that he has some special reason to get back home—maybe see someone sort of special like??

'Tis rumored (by very good source) that wedding bells will ring in the very near future for Sgt. Roy Garden. To be more exact, the date is the 22nd of July.

The absent minded professor is back in the picture again—S/Sgt Del Harmon of the P. T. Dept. was seen peeling a banana into a cup of coffee at chow the other morning. What's the matter, Del, can't you get your eyes open that early in the morning?

I'd like to know what's so interesting in Paradise that draws Sgt. Mike Baroody up there each week-end. Every week Mike just can't wait until he is on his way and I think maybe someone of the opposite sex is the reason for all the rush.

Pfc. Terry Altman really comes through with a good story about the fishing trip this past Sunday. It seems the spot where all the fish were caught was at the bottom of a very steel hill. In fact, so steep that Terry scraped his nose climbing up and got sand in his back pockets climbing down. Boy, that isn't a fish story but it will do until one comes along . . . so long.

Fishing Good for G.I.s These Days

Fishing is good these days!

If you don't believe the statement, just ask any of the 16 men who went to West Branch of the Feathr Rivr Sunday. There were limits galore, and Pfc. Jimmy Mack and Sgt. N. B. King had a lot of the luck.

They were accompanied by Lt. L. S. Stringari, and what with hot coffee and fried trout over an open fire, the day was a complete success.

Also several of the other lads went fishing their own. Cpl. Charley Henson bagged a limit on Deer Creek, east of here, with no trouble at all.

Former Chico Field 1st Sergeant Killed

News of the death of Captain Rex B. McCord, former first sergeant at CAAF and brother-in-law of Captain George M. Eastham, Jr., personnel officer, in action on the Italian front, was received here last week.

Captain McCord had recently been promoted, and had been decorated with the silver star and purple heart for earlier action. He had fought through the entire Italian campaign in the infantry.

SQ. C DANCE AT SACRAMENTO

Fifty single enlisted men of C Squadron enjoyed a dance and day of sight seeing in Sacramento last Saturday and Sunday. The excursion was sponsored by Special Services and officer in charge was Lt Sidney I. Annis. Taking their own bedding, they slept in the hall used for the dance.

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NCOs to Elect Officers Thursday

Thursday at 1215 in the Recreation Hall, the CAAF Non-Commissioned Officers' Club will elect officers for the coming year beginning 1 July.

Last week at a general gathering in the Rec Hall, Colonel A. W. Tyer, commanding officer, discussed with NCOs the plans for a proposed club room in Chico, outlining just what such a project would mean to the NCOs in money and work.

Plans drawn up by Captain G. N. Larsen, assistant post engineer, were presented and discussed. They have been forwarded to the Fourth Air Force Hq. for approval.

At Thursday's meeting there will be elected president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and a board of governors on the basis of three each from Squadrons A, B and D, two from Sq. M and one from the 533rd AAF Band.

1st Sgt. Joe Bailey, member of the special NCO committee, said:

"Attendance at this meeting will be an index as to the interest shown in, and the subsequent success of the NCO Club for the following year."

News From the Italian Front Via Local GI

Every now and then one hears comment on the easy time had by soldiers composing the casts of great G. I. shows, such as "This Is the Army," and others.

Well, a letter received this week by Sgt. Larry Palermo of the 533rd AAF Band from his brother Pvt. Frank Palermo, an infantryman of the Fifth Army, showed that General Clark's men beat the cast of that show into Rome by not more than a week.

Pvt. Palermo was in the entry of the Italian capital on 5 June, and a week later Pvt. Palermo wrote that one of the first things he did in Rome was to witness "This Is the Army," in the Royal Opera House.

He wrote that "words cannot describe" the beauty of the production, nor the reception given Irving Berlin, the composer of the songs, when he sang "There Are No Wings In a Foxhole," dedicated to the Infantry.

Five EM Promoted To Tech Sergeant

A long awaited break in the promotion famine came this week, but from the looks of information published in the Fourth Air Force Clipper, it was only a short break.

Five men were promoted to temporary grade of technical sergeant, including Melvin C. Dvorak, William P. Sifers and Forrest Williams of Sq. B, Laurence S. Gardner of Sq. A, and Howard L. Shelton of Sq. D.

The Clipper article stated that Chico Field was over strength in all grades but technical sergeant.

THE COVER . . .

Here is the "Spirit of '44" as typified by three Chico Army Air Field officers and men. The determined looking mechanic is Sgt. Michael J. Smoluk, the pilot 2nd Lt. Marvin A. Thorson, and the armorer S/Sgt. William D. Chambers.

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USO Show Here Wednesday Night

Plenty of rough-house comedy and feminine charm in abundance will be the features of "Funny Side Up," the next USO-Camp Show to appear at Chico Army Air Field. It is scheduled for the post gym on Wednesday at 2000.

"Funny Side Up" is loaded with talent and the sponsors have not skimped when it comes to providing some real entertainment free of charge to CAAF soldiers and their wives.

One of the features is a bull-whip and rope act, while an acrobatic trio is supposed to be hot stuff.

Members of the cast include:

Steve Barlow, master of ceremonies; Vickie and Valeriaa Vann,tap dancer team and singers; the three Sheldons, an acrobatic number, nd Cosmo and Jeanette, who really cut a rug with some of the hottest jitterbugging you have ever seen. Jeanette entered the show business from Santa Ana, where she won a contract.

Also on the cast are Evelyn Kenyon, a wizard on the zylophone, and Bud Carlell and Rosa, and their roping act. Bud was Tom Mix's double in the old wild west thrillers.

Sq. D Given Party For AAF Aid Drive

Squadron D, commanded by Major Robert L. McMullin, was entertained by Special Services at a party in the hills east of Chico Thursday night as reward for being the first squadron on the field to go 100 per cent in the AAF Aid Society drive.

Adding spice to the party was music, entertainment, food and beer. Squadron O at Oroville AAF also had 100 per cent participation, and Squadron T subscribed 96.6 per cent.

According to a breakdown by Special Services, there were approximately 1000 one-dollar memberships, 141 five dollar memberships, four fifty dollar memberships, and three one hundred dollar memberships.

New memberships can be accepted at any time in the Special Service Office, just south of the PX.

Sq. B Gazette Enters the Field

By A. J. Wilson

Hello fellows! Once again we greet you from the south end of the field.

To get this column off to the right start I want to tell all of you that this is your column, and any notes of interest about any member of this squadron will be highly appreciated.

Since this column was last printed we have a new member among us. He is not so new to some of us because he has been around Chico for some time. I am speaking of none other than our new squadron C.O., Captain Van Riper. Incidentally, the captain is very much interested in our softball team.

By the way, fellows, we have a very good team, but most of you wouldn't know about that because you are too busy to take time off to see it. They beat the Sb-Depot to the tune of 5-1 with Suttle and Meyer leading the hitters. The team played a good defensive game, but the greatest role was played by Sakraida who pitched a masterful two hitter and did not allow a man to reach first until the fifth inning.

Delzoppo and Joe Walters are always talking about the fountain personnel. Can't say I blame them. Corky is an interesting subect, don't you think so, Joe?

Our softball team came from behind again Monday night to beat our rivals from the north end and again the master was none other than Sakrida who allowed only one hit and that was a bunt in the first inning. The boys played another bang-up defensive game and it sure looks bad for our future opponents.

The basis for another allotment in the Jack is still sweating. Let up, fellow, the Ferderer family has not arrived as yet and worst is yet to come.

So long until next week, fellows. And how about passing along some spicy items about your pals?

Harrisburg, Pa. (CNS)—Just before she died last month, Mrs. Esther M. Martin wrote her will on a penny postcard and mailed it to the probate court here. The 17-word will left an estate of $4200 to her son.

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Sq. "D" The North End Kids

By Dry Martini

Due to reasons beyond my control (meaning I'm in love), yours truly was unable to contribute to the Flyer, the past week. Am I forgiven? No! OK, I can take a hint. So on with the column.

Well, let's see, what's news; since my wop pal ex-Cpl. Bar Fly Flanagan has been a good soldier, nesw comes hard now.

But Have You Heard?

Sgt. Art (Joe) Rust becoming very proficient as a volley ball player. 'Tis true, eh, Rust? Also a diplomat on world affairs. Whatta man.

Cp. Stan Brush doesn't know if he is going or coming. First he is packing, and now he is unpacking. Even washed his underwear. Let us in on the deal, Brush, what's it all about?

Our new Don Jan, Cpl. (Woo Woo Lover) Watenpaugh. The army does funny things to a man. How about it, Watt?

Cpl. Iverson leaving for overseas. Best of luck, Iverson.

S/Sgt. Vackstrom doing a fine job as flight chief, while T/Sgt. Hutton is furlough bound.

Cpl. Shankman finds new name for port —"1'.SH". What do you say about that, Bunis?

Sgt. Freddie (Boston Bean Blackie), better known as Merritt, is about ready for furlough bound, and fit to be tied. Good hunting, Honk.

Henery, Henery, Henery. Has anyone seen Henery? Our school boy returns after six whole weeks of hard study. Tell us about it, Hank. Was she blond or red head? Go get him, fellas, he's the one to tell stories.

Wonder why Sgt. on Campbell has stopped giving our office girls a ride home from work. Con on Don! Don't be like that, she won't bite you. Many a GI would like to have a pretty girl ride with them.

And so! As my buddy Pfc. (Frisco Joe) Litzius pulls KP this week, you'll find me not missing one meal. Just a pal, that's me. Hey fellas, the chow is extra good this week. Hi ya, Litz old pal.

Bye now, that's all there is, there is no more. See you all next week.

Squadron C

By Pvt. Walter C. Hill

The dance that was held 24 June in Sacramento was very successful. It was supposed to have been strictly for EM from Squadron C, CAAF, Chico. The ladies that were to be our guests turned out for the affair in full bloom, bringing their GI's from the various fields in the neighborhood of Sacramento, with them. Seemingly our boys did enjoy the affair, because they ran across several chums and it was just like old times. But what about the girls?

Losing no time, 1st Sgt. Baker, knowing the ropes, went to a burlesque show then afterwards spent a night in Honolulu (a club).

Pvt. Tolson, Brown Bombers' third sacker who has been confined sick, has returned to cut. During his aabsence Elbert Gamble played third for the Bombers and his playing has greatly helped the morale of the team.

The QM eked out a victory over the Bombers on Friday night. Ruben and Hill had a bitter feud until finally QM pushed over the winning run. The loss evened the matter with QM, for the Bombers had won in their first engagement by a score of 7-6, losing Friday 3-2.

T/Sgt. Spencer doesn't think that the upper three grades should stand physical inspection each month with the other EM. His colleagues recently found out why.

Lt. Jennings Leaves for J.A.G. School, Michigan

1st Lt. Jack D. Jennings, for the past year and one half trial judge advocate at Chico Army Air Field, has left for Ann Abor, Mich., where he will attend the Judge Advocate General's School.

His position has been filled by 2nd Lt. Mack H. Orenstein, until return of Lt. Jennings in approximately four weeks.

While he is at Ann Arbor, Lt. Jennings will be able to witness the graduation of Sgt. Matthew March, formerly a clerk in his office here, from officer candidate school in the Judge Advocate General's Department. This ceremony will take place at the University of Michigan on 11 July.

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Oroville Column

By S/Sgt. Bob Hardcastle

OROVILLE — Those good ol' swimmin' days have come again and we're making full use of them. Nearly every day lately our physical training classes have hied themselves to Oroville's Bed Rock Pool, a roped-off section of the Feather River, which boasts a float, a breakwater, and a life guardess. Our adjutant will vouch for that last item.

And speaking of our adjutant, Lt. Jimmy Griffith, we are reminded of what happened the other day. The lieutenant dropped a casual remark to yours truly that he wasn't going in swimming until someone threw him in. Whereupon he sat himself down on the lawn overlooking the pool, a grin of defiance on his face. Not able to curb my rabble-rousing instincts, I did a little heavy agitating among the boys and soon we were marching en masse from the pool to the lawn like a band of Vigilantes on a lynching expedition.

Our objective was taken without a struggle. James A. was transported bodily down the stone steps to the ramp, out along the breakwater to the end, where he was suspnded a moment above the rushing current while we tried to force the vision of that Courts-Martial Charge Sheet into the back of our minds

Then, casting aside our fears, we swung our burden three times like a pendulum in the prescribed manner, and vaulted him out in a tremendous arc over the water. He soared bird-like for an instant, then careened unceremoniously into the rapids with a splash that threaatened to create a minor tidal wave. We hope that by now all is forgiven, Lieutenant. And maybe we will let you throw US in some day. We mean the river, not the guardhouse.

Bomber Rotolo, the Bed Rock Casanova, certainly has his hands full rescuing fair damsels from the doors of Davy Jones' Locker. Only sometimes we can't be sure whether he's trying to save 'em or drown 'em. First he pushes his victim off the float, then he dives in and proceeds to indulge in an animated version of "Duck-the-Apple." He shoves her head under water a few times, watches her flounder and gasp for air; thn, gallant hero that he is, he hauls her to safety just as she is about to go down for the third time That's really a new approach, Bon-Bon. I'll bet it's lots better than "Didn't I meet you in Atlantic City, once, Babe?"

Henson Leads "Flyers" Hitters With .529

Manager Charley Henson still is leading all batters of the CAAF Flyers, with .520, but he is being closely pressed by several men.

Bennie Friedmann, who has played only four of the seven games, has knocked out eight for 16 and a .500 average, while Elbert Gamble, second baseman, has belted 14 for 30 and .464. Ray Domroski, who has shipped out and who had played in only three games, had a mark of .535.

The figures:

Player	G	AB	H	Pct.
Domroski	3	15	8	.535
Henson	6	25	13	.520
Gamble	7	30	14	.464
Bauer	5	17	6	.358
Gregory	7	33	11	.333
Greco	3	16	5	.312
Smith	4	11	3	.272
Treaska	3	15	4	.262
Honors	4	16	4	.250
Driscoll	6	27	6	.222
Everson	7	29	7	.241
Holladay	6	26	5	.192
Dooley	2	6	1	.167
Keller	2	7	1	.143
Bilinski	4	16	2	.124
McGlennon	2	7	0	.000
Decker	1	1	0	.000
Team	8	287	89	.310

Chapel Program of Week

Roman Catholic service Sunday, 2 July: Confessions at 0730; Mass at 0800, Father Patrick J. Cronin.

Protestant Service, Sunday, 2 July: 1000. Midweek service, Wednesday at 1930; and "Masterworks of Music," Thursday at 1930. Clare E. Tallman, Chaplain.

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Taking P.T. With Redding AAF

By Pvt. William Pitts

"N" SQUADRON—The personnel here at the Redding Army Air Field have been taking their "P. T." with a lot of interest —Our top kick took the afternoon class to the Redding Lake for a swim one afternoon last week. Being a warm weather fiend as I am, your scribe thought the water would be too chilly for a swim, but not for Sgt. Marv Moore! He decided upon taking his P. T. in the drink. Marv and all the boys thought it would be clever to make a formation dive off the platform that is provided for that purpose at the lake.

The boys took their positions with all the non-participants looking eagerly for a fine performance. The First Soldier gave the go signal and all the participants gave out with all the aerial grace that could only be equaled by Mark Twain's legendary characters of Huckleberry Finn. It so happened, while in the act, Sgt. Moore had forgotten to remove his timepiecce from the lower part of his upper left limb, but was reminded of the ill-minded act by Pvt. John W. Tomasello Jr. while the sarge was at the height of his performance. Marv was a sad bird when he realized his cherished timepiece had also been in the drink. I'll never understand why the sergeant can't ever give out with verbal phrases that can be of decent printing matter!

S/Sgt. Lee Harden and S/Sgt. Robert Huhnke have been knocking themselves out since the warm days of June have arrived. The sergeants have been seen taking their P. T. on the tennis court that was laid out by Cpl Paul Lemke on the field's airplane parking mat. Sgt. Joe Marcello says that he became suspicious of a peculiar formation of dust just north of the field the other day while he was on duty in the control tower, and thought it his duty to observe the disturbance through his GI binoculars. What Joe saw was Sgt. Harden rounding a manzanita shrub out in no man's land, retrieving the fuzzed pellet that Sgt. Huhnke swished past him. P. S. Our tennis court doesn't have any back stops.

We are glad to see our friend Cpl. "Deacan" Konda back from his furlough. The "Deac" says that he came back early from his leave because he needed the rest. Some people never relax the proper way when they get the chance! It has been said that Sgt. "Roughhouse" Davis is in the market for a new babe. The mysterious Frances left the cut-up sergeant for a visit somewhere in Nebraska. Our adjutant was very happy that this past payday went by without any major casualties. Texas hand-grenades ere plentiful, but one black eye was seen the morning after.

Civilian Suggestions Still Welcome

In the course of daily duties with various departments employing civilian workers, many improved methods to complete work more quickly and efficiently have been discovered.

In many other AAF installations, similar problems are encountered, but in many cases, similar solutions have not been worked out, or if they have, much time and energy is wasted.

Here's where the Employee Suggestion Plan comes in.

Turn in your suggestions to your department head, and become eligible for cash awards if your plan is accepted. And if you know what to do yourself but cannot write your plan down on paper, call at the Civilian Personnel Office in the Finance Building, and assistance will be given.

Full details of the suggestion pan can be obtained from supervisors.

A recent breakdown of the four Air Forces in the continental U. S. shows that the Fourth is trailing all others in both the number of suggestions received, and in the number adopted. An effort is being made to greatly improve these figures.

Bridgport, Conn. (CNS'—A cigarette machine in a tavern here bears this printed legend: "Please insert a dime and two nickels." Below it, neatly typed, is this: "Or two dimes." And then, written in a scrawling longhand: "Or four nickels."

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Treaska Pitches Two-Hitter to Beat Redding 6-1

With Felix Treaska pitching two hit ball, the Chico Field Flyers won their fifth game of the season, trimming the Redding Cubs, a civilian outfit, 6-1 at Redding last Sunday.

Bennie Friedmann, veteran all round player for the Flyers, was the leading hitter, driving out three hits in five trips, one of them being a triple and another a double. Rightfielder Bill Smith had two blows.

The Redding defense was very loose, many errors being responsible for soldier runs. Th only civilian tally came in the first inning when a base on balls and a single spiked the rubber.

Starting out with three runs in the first on only one hit, the Flyers added one in the sixth and two in the eighth.

Among Treaska's pitching feats was the retirement of the side on strikes in the second, and whiffing two in thesixth. In all he struck out eight men. However, he issued four bases on balls, but only one of the free tickets did any damage.

The lineup was:

Friedmann cf, Gregory ss, Gamble 2b, Holliday lf, Everson 3b, Driscoll 1b, Smith rf, Greco c, Treaska p.

Tomorow the Flyers play Oroville at Oroville.

Short score on Sunday's game.

Team	R	H	E
Chico Field	6	8	1
Redding Cubs	1	2	5

Treaska and Greco; Gantt and Jergentz, Bohan.

Chapel Services

2 July 1944

CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800; Confessions at 0730.
Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship at 1000.
Clare E. Tallman, Chaplain

NAZIS RATIONED IN FRANCE

London (CNS)—The French underground, awaiting D-Day, busily scrawled this slogan on walls and sidewalks throughout France: "Choose your Boche! There may not be enough to go around."

About the $10 Bond For Soldiers Only

Here's a note of explanation on that new $10 strictly G I. War Bond.

It's being rumored that the bond cannot be cashed in without authorization.

Well, that's entirely erroneous. The only restriction on the bond is that it can be purchased only through Class B Allotment on the soldier's payroll, and cannot be purchased for cash like any other denomination War Bond.

The authorization we were talking about in last week's Flyer, and which has not as yet been granted, is for PURCHASE of these bonds in cash.

So right now you can get this convenient denomination bond through payroll deduction only.

There are absolutely no restrictions on what you do with them after purchase.

Lieutenants May Ask For Infantry Transfer

Lieutenants also are eligible for voluntary transfer into the infantry under certain conditions, according to provisions of paragraph IV, WD Circular 229. Until this order, only enlisted men were eligible to transfer into the infantry.

The lieutenants must be under 32, and be physically qualified for overseas duty. Applications may be made to the Adjutant General through channels. This also can include paratroopers if the officer desires.

The following exception in the Air Forces who are **NOT** eligible are noted.

Aviation students in final stages of training, pilots and members of air crews, and officer in AAF flyng, technical or factory schools.

Los Angeles (CNS)—A police sergeant arrived at the scene of a murder, took down the name of the corpse, dashed to the victim's landlady's house—and rented his room.

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Squadron B Enters First Division

As Headquarters and Quartermaster hammered on at a dizzy pace in the CAAF Softball League, another outfit which was picked at the first of the season as low second division material has come up into the first five with a terrific rush.

It is Squadron B, which after losing three in a row not too long ago, have won two straight, and have passed the Sub Depot Clippers in the standings. Last Friday they knocked off the Clippers 5-1, and then on Monday night with Leo Sakraida hurling a one-hitter, they edged Squadron D 3-1. Whirlwind Turner was in good form on the losers, allowing only three blows, but his opponent was too much for him.

Catcher Ray Mootz was the big hero as Quartermaster barely took the Brown Bombers 3-2. He hammered a triple to score Ed Bellegarde and in the final frame blasted out a terrific home run to deep right for the winning tally.

Manager Murry's men also edged the Sub Depot by the same score earlier in the week.

Squadron D defeated the Medics in a close one, the score being 5-3, and in a well played, close contest Headquarters downed the Officers, 4-2. Sgt. Nap King blasted a long homer in the seventh to seal the victory. Major James Martin and Cpl. Bob Van Guncy each turned in excellent fielding in left field.

Transportation took it on the nose in a couple of shutouts. The Diamond Match took their measure 10-0, while Headquarters made the score 16-0. Stock's hard single in the fourth spoiled a no hit game for Pitcher Bob Stephens of Headquarters. Catcher John Kunovic of Hq. slammed a homer with the bases full.

In Tuesday night's game, home run balls were hit to all corners of the lot. As the Medics defeated the Brown Bombers 10-6, Floyd Stanley and Hoyt Fleming blasted round trippers, as in the second game between the Officers and Quartermaster it was all Johnny Murry.

Here's what the tall, lanky Milwaukee boy did:

He blasted a terrific homer to right center with the bases full, smashed another one to the limits of the park in left field, and added a sharp single to center for good measure.

A handful of errors by Lts. Sandager and Kotch weighed the scales heavily in favor of the Q. M.

USO Activities

Formal tonight at 2030, "Wings of Swing."

Movie, Sunday 2000, "Room Service." The Marx Brothers in one of their funniest.

FOURTH OF JULY

Dance at USO, Tuesday, 2030.

SWIMMING PARTY

The picnic and swimming party planned for last week will be held on Thursday, 6 July. Sign up with the Special Service Office or with your own squadron.

A limited number of men only. Meet for transportation at Special Service Office at 1800, or at the USO. GIRLS — PICNIC SUPPER — SWIMMING — ENTERTAINMENT.

There will be an informal dance in the USO next Saturday night.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

(Including Tuesday's games)

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Headquarters	11	2	.846
Quartermaster	11	2	.846
Medics	8	5	.615
Officers	7	6	.538
Squadron B	7	6	.538
Sub Depot	5	6	.444
Bombers	4	8	.333
Squadron D	4	9	.307
Diamond Match	3	9	.250
Transportation	3	10	.230

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"The war has certainly changed things! Now I have a sailor in every port!"



"He just got back—he was 'over the hill' for three weeks."

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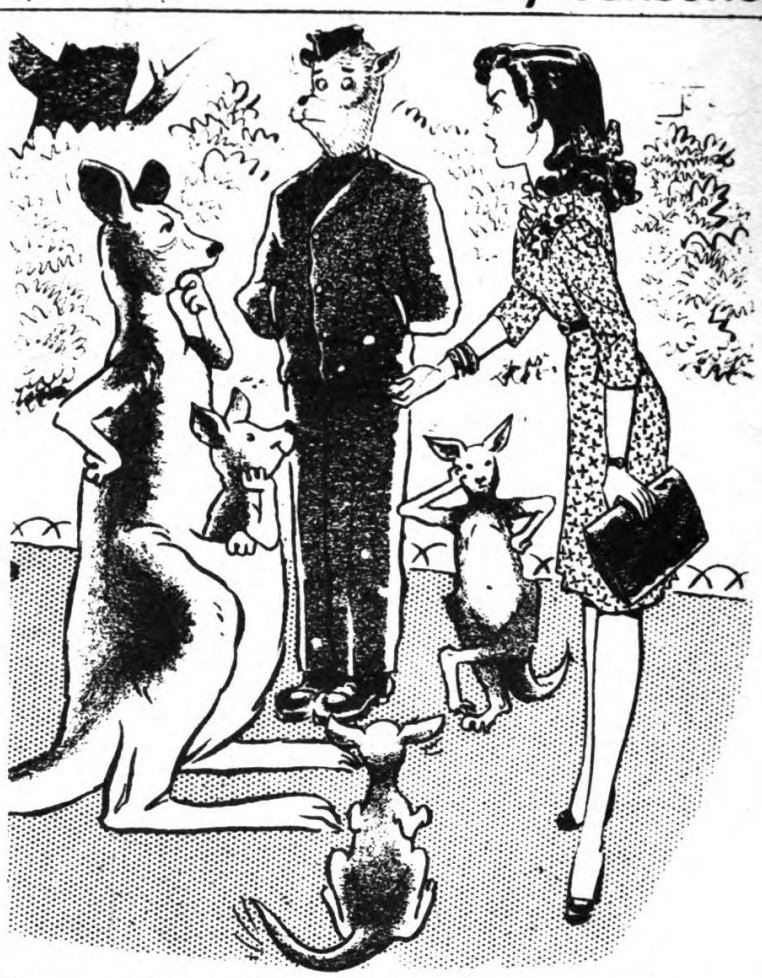
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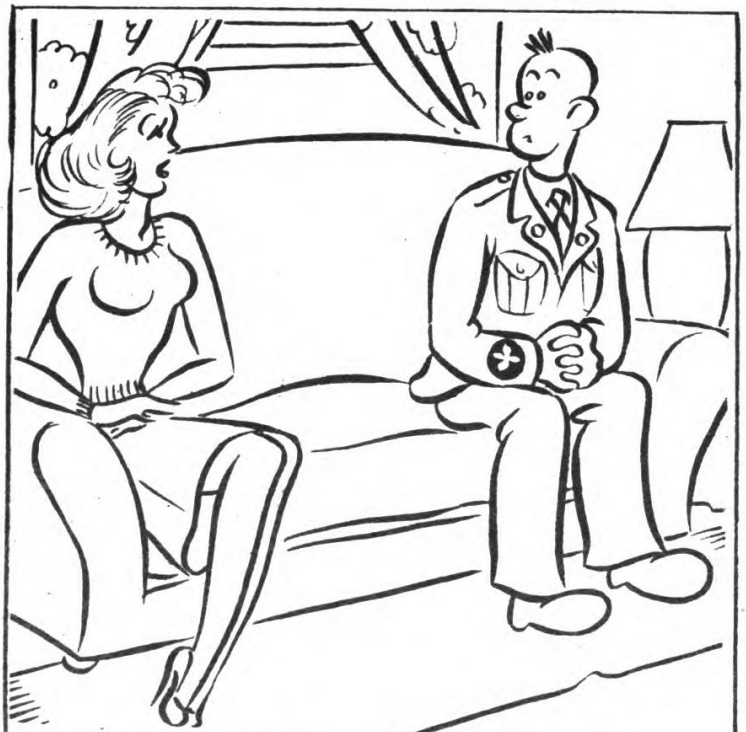
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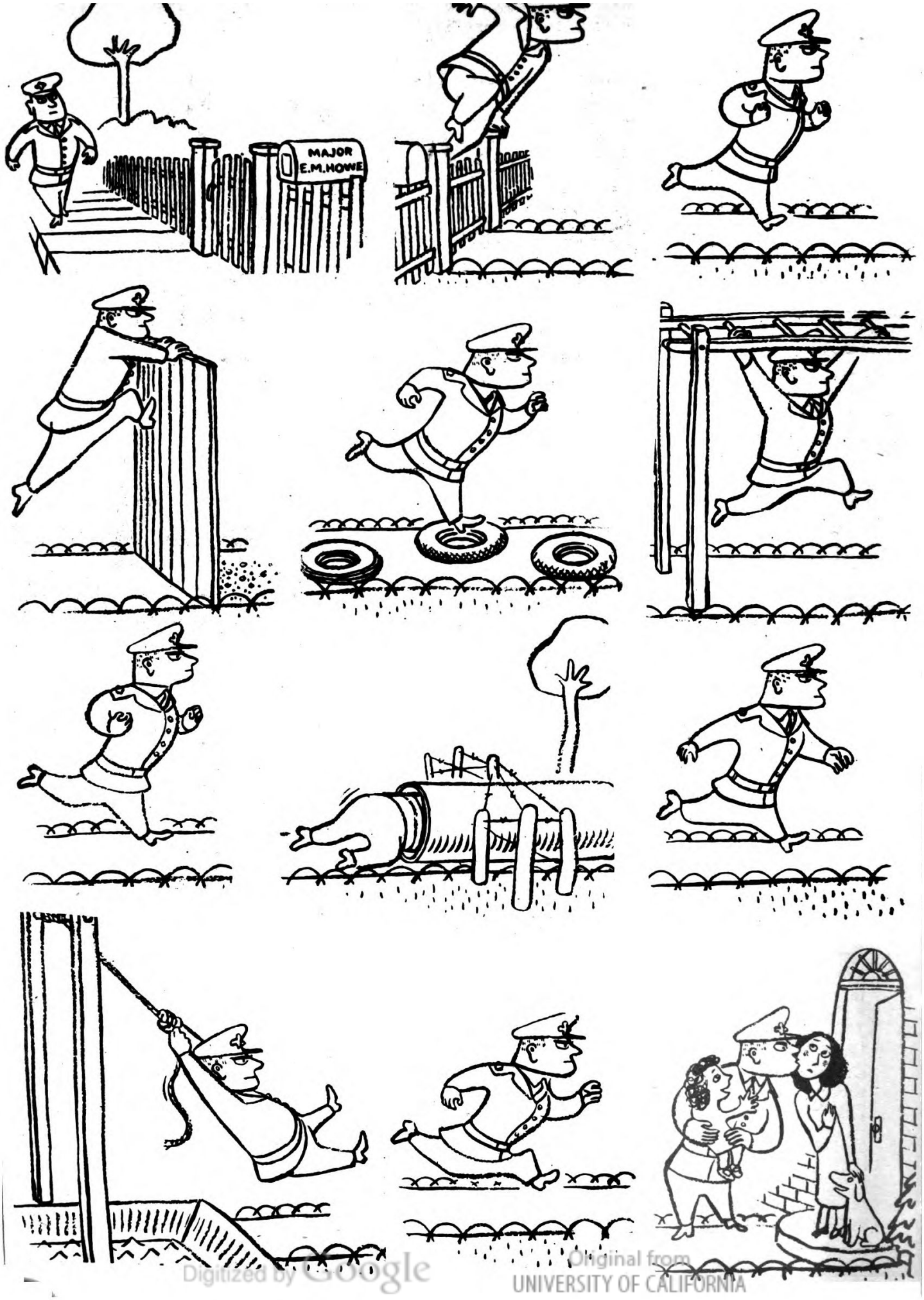
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YOU BET YOUR LIFE!

FAF Camouflage Show Here Tuesday

You bet your life I'M going!

Going where, soldier?

Why, to the AAF Living Training Aid, "You Bet Your Life," the famous Fourth Air Force camouflage show which is coming to the Chico State College Auditorium Tuesday for two performances. One is at 1400 and the other 2000.

It's enthusiastically backed by Major General William E. Lynd, commanding general of the Fourth AAir Force, and everyone else who has seen it.

Training and educatiton in camouflage is important, but getting it across to the men is something else again, and that's where "You Bet Your Life" comes in. It is a two and one half hour musical comedy, replete with girls, comedy sketches and music comparable to any Broadway production.

And it ought to be, for directing the effort is M/Sgt. Ezra Stone, who directed "This Is the Army," "Winged Victory" and the Air Service Command show, "At Your Service" which appeared here a year ago.

Many of those taking part are men with professional backgrounds, from the prop men to designers and actors. Captain Ivan Bruce, Corps of Engineers, acted and directed in his own theater in New England. He wrote the score for "You Bet Your Life."

CAMOUFLAGE ARTISTS

In addition to his pre-army talents, each participant is thoroughly trained in camouflage. In the final analysis the show is a means of getting camouflage discipline over to the personnel of the Fourth AAir Force.

Probably one of the biggest laughs of the show is the blackout of a husky Adam, a luscious, eye-filling Eve, and a snake. AAnd what a snake!

This mechanical monstor was modeled directly from Bobo, an 18-foot python borrowed from a Hollywood studio when the cast was rehearsing at March Field, Riverside, Calif. Incidentally, the snake was presented to the wife of T/Sgt. Earl McCoy, formerly of Ringling Brothers Circus, by none other than Frank "Bring 'Em Back Alive" Buck himself.

In addition, Cleopatra, George Washington and other various and sundry famous characters are doing blackouts in the show.

GIRLS!!!

And last, but by no means least we have girls. Oodles of 'em, and all delightful Hollywood starlets.

If you like blondes, we have delicious Bonnie Barker, who sings, dances and curves in the right places, and then there's Jean Trent too ,also with golden locks. For brunettes, the show will feature Eurbara Lee and Ruth Golden.

This writer has seen their advance pictures, and believe me, these gals really have IT.

We advise you not to miss this one, and bring your wife along. too.

We repeat ,there will be two performances, at 1400 and 2000, with the evening performance only open to G. I. wives.

NCO Mess Plans Approved by FAF

Plans for Non-Commissioned Officers club rooms in Chico have been approved by Hq., Fourth Air Force, according to 1st Lt. Harold Huges Jr., custodian of NCO Mess funds.

Site for the club is the second and third floor of the American Theater Building, on West Second St. Recently field NCO's voted by a margin of over 90 per cent to open a club in town.

There will be no assessment made against club members, and only funds on hand will be used in the construction. Some Special Services funds are available for furniture only.

Because of this fact, club officers are campaigning for 500 members so that the activities of the organization may be carried on with the proper margin of surplus.

Following the drawing up of the rental contract, operations are just about ready to begin. Captain G. N. Larsen, assistant post engineer, has designed plans for the rooms, and will direct the construction.

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Civilian Employees Set Pre-Election Dance

A regular old political rally with free beer and the trimmings is promised at the CAAF Civilian Employees Association pre-election dance at Fairburn Hall in Chico Friday night.

Dancing will be by the Wings of Swing from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

All of the candidates will make appearances, if not political speeches.

Tickets may be secured from any council member, and if you are unable to contact one, your supervisor will be able to do so. All new members whose policies go into effect on or after July 1 will be given two free passes.

So this is an incentive to join the organization now. You must be a member to attend the affair, and all members may bring a guest ,and everyone must have a ticket.

Memphis (CNS) — Eleven thousand new homes to meet postwar demands is Memphis' program for industrial expansion in this area, according to the local Committee for Economic Development. "We want plenty of room for our returning GIs and other developments," a spokesman said.

Sq. "D" The North End Kids

By Sgt. A. H. Tumbrink

We certainly have a swell new day room, one that we can well be proud of. T/Sgt. Rich and S/Sgt. Dale Nelson in town the other night, breezing along; too bad this isn't Oakland, eh, Dale?

By the way, Mtola, did you and your pals have any success the other night? Pvt. Pulver left for Yuma to be a gunner; fair skies and happ hunting. Pvt. Anderson is taking the water cure these days and soon should have web feet.

The most popular place these dog days is the ol' swimmin' hole at the south end of the field—Willie Simmons, McManus, Ko, Fulton and Neufeld think it's the perfect ending for a not too perfect day, and boy, how you can pound the ear after a plunge.

S/Sgt. Mike Semanik returned from his yearly furlough and all smiles. EEvidently the rigors of traveling don't seem to phase him in the least.

Sgt. "Pop" Ernie Guenter has also returned from furlough, complete with stogie.

CORRECTION PLEASE! It was the Officers of the now extinct Scarlet Flight who gave the boys the beer bust; this column said it was the Tiger pilots; but it's all in the family so let the suds fly where it may!

Sgt. Henry Monday, the tennis champ of little old New York, is reported to be in the British Isles.

We won another ball game Monday night. Yes, we got the breaks for once. There was a new record set by S/Sgt. L. Turner as he walked 10 men in three innings. Sub-Depot, our opponent, made enough errors to help us along too.

Cpl. Glenn Vaughan in his first game of the season hit a home run the first time at bat.

THE COVER . . .

The lad with the good form off the diving platform is Sgt. Frank Gregory of Squadron A, who not only is handy in the water, but is a pretty fair basketball player. With the coming of real summer weather, the enlisted men's pool is jammed these days, and the P. T. department anticipates a record number of men signed up for swimming and water safety classes.

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Army, Civilian Awards Made at Retreat

Five civilian employees and one Army Air Forces captain received recognition for their outstanding services Wednesday at a ceremony at Chico Army Air Field, a Fourth Air Force base commanded by Col. A. W. Tyer.

Captain Cyril E. Nichols, 26-year-old section operations officer at CAAF and veteran of 22 months of combat flying in the Southwest Pacific area, received the fourth oak leaf cluster to his Air Medal. He also wears the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster and is credited with shooting down three enemy planes.

Two civilian employees were given recognition for their long period of service for the War Department, and three were given cash awards for time-saving suggestions in aircraft maintenance.

William B. Collins, 56, 1181 Warner St., Chico, has been employed by the War Department continuously for 24 years and received the War Department civilian service emblem. He was originally appointed on 16 June, 1920, by the Quartermaster Corps, Rockwell Field, Calif. He moved to Moffett Field in 1935 and to Chico in April, 1942, and is currently employed as a plumber foreman.

George W. Kessler, 53, 1331 South Broadway, has a record of 14 years of continuous employment by the War Department, and also received the civilian service emblem. He was also appointed by the Quartermaster Corps. He moved with the Army Flying School from Moffett Field to Chico and is now working as a carpenter maintenance foreman.

A cash award of $250 was made in behalf of the War Department by Col. Tyer to Leon S. Cook, 588 Humboldt Road, assistant general foreman of aircraft shops, for his ingenuity in devising a special jig for facilitating the rigging and adjusting of aircraft surface controls. Cook's new jig has effected a time saving of hundreds of man-hours per month and an efficiency increase vital in the maintenance of fighter type aircraft in operation at Chico Army Air Field.

Milton C. Cadeaux, 796 East Fifth Street, aircraft engine mechanic foreman, was awarded a prize of $25 for developing a special wrench for installing or removing pal nuts on aircraft engines. His device is saving the government 75 man-hours per month at Chico Army Air Field, with lessened damage to new material installed, according to maintenance officers.

Lawrence S. Bice, Paradise, Calif., an aircraft welder in the inspection and repair department at the field, has designed a special guide for aligning ring cowl brackets while being welded. He was given a $10 award for his device, which is adaptable for use on any radial engine.

"Contributions of the type made by these men in devising new and improved methods of doing vital jobs are of inestimable value to the war effort," commented Col. Tyer in announcing the awards.

Machine Gun Donated By Col. Tyer Brings $80,000 In Bonds

It was used by the Japs with some but not enough success at Guadalcanal, but now it is being put to even greater use by the United States at Chico.

It is a light machine gun brought back from the Solomons by Col. A. W. Tyer, commanding officer of CAAF, and donated to the Chico Chamber of Commerce.

Auctioned Saturday at a War Bond rally in the city plaza, it brought $80,000 in war bonds into the coffers of the U. S. Treasury. The two purchasers, whose high bids of $30,000 tied for the honor, gave it to the Chico Post, American Legion. They asked to remain anonymous.

Chico Field assisted the rally in other ways. A P-39 Airacobra was displayed in the street adjacent to the plaza, the 533d AAF Band played several selections, and Col. Tyer spoke briefly.

He said:

"The only material donation asked of anybody in this war is the contribution of the men overseaas."

He said that it was hard to see why anyone should have to be asked to buy bonds.

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Post Softball Team to be Organized

Chico Field soon will toss its hat into the softball ring of northern California with a post team, and in the near future too.

This announcement came from the post physical training department, which stated that the post softballers will seek games from all comers within 150 miles of the base. Games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays.

Selection of players will be made by managers of the various teams, but here is one picked by the Flyer sports editor just for practice and comparison with the one picked officially.

Catchers, Ray Mootz of Quartermaster and Lt. Lynn Everson of Officers; pitchers, John Murry of Quartermaster and Bob Stephens of Headquarters; first base, Tom O'Donnell of Quartermasters; second base, Gordon Gimple, Hq.; third base, Capt. Art Buck, Officers; shortstop, Kenny Young, Q.M.; outfielders, Ed Bellegarde, Q. M., Floyd Stanley, Medics, Jim Papez, Q. M.; "Fuzzy" Fotenot, Hq., Major James Martin, Officers.

Flyers to Play Mather Field Here Tomorrow

After having their last Sunday's game called off due to ball park difficulties in Oroville, the Chico Field Flyers baseball team meet their toughest opponent of the season—Mather Field—tomorrow afternoon at Memorial Park in Chico.

Manager Charley Henson will have to get along without his first string catcher, Sgt. Jim Greco, who is on DS for several weeks. Dick McGlennon will take over behind the log, with Felix Treaska on the mound. Charley Honors will be on reserve.

The rest of the team will line up about as usual with Henson at first, Gamble at second, Gregory at short and Lt. Lynn Everson at third.

In the outfield it will be Driscoll, Friedmann and probably Keller. The game is at 1430 and the public is invited.

"On the Job" Training Set

On instructions from Hq. Fourth Air Force, a group of "field students" from permanent party overhead, were assigned to "S" Squadron without change in station or duty this week.

Field students category is intended to include personnel assigned to base units who are receiving "on the job" training in lieu of formal instruction formerly received in the training command.

None of the men in the new squadron are above rank of sergeant ,and most of them were mechanics and repairmen of various categories.

Q. M. Softballers Win Twice Out of Town

After mopping upon most CAAF softball teams, the Quartermaster softballers went to Redding and Westwood and proceeded to do the same to outfits from those two northern California towns over the week end.

With Louie Ruben pitching and hitting, they swamped Redding Army Air Field 10-4 Saturday night, and with John Murry hurling one hit ball, they edged out the Westwood Fire Department team 4-2 Sunday afternoon.

Saturday night Ruben hit a homer and a single, while Murry and Bellegarde also had round trippers to their credit. Lt. Lynn Everson was behind the bat Saturday and Al Assell caught Sunday.

Chapel Program of Week

Roman Catholic Services, Sunday, 9 July: Confessions at 0730; Mess as 0800. Father Patrick J. Cronin.

Protestant Services, Sunday, 9 July, 1000. Mid-Week Services, Wednesday 1930; "Masterworks of Music" Thursday 1930. Clare E. Tallman, Chaplain.

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Nearly $1000 Worth Of Bonds Sold Here on Payday

On last payday enlisted men of CAAF invested $943.50 in War Bonds and Stamps at their squadron orderly rooms, in addition to those purchased on payroll participation.

This campaign is going well, according to Lt. Harriet Orvis, war bond officer, but there still are 135 officers not participating in payroll deductions.

Military cash sales to date during the Fifth War Loan are $18,380.50, while civilians employed on the post have purchased $16,292.50 worth for a total of $34,673. The goal for the post, both military and civilian, is $45,000. This is 77% of the quota.

Lt. Orvis added that the Fifth War Loan will continue through 31 July, and that the response next payday should be even greater than this.

Most bonds were purchased by Squadron A, with $635 in addition to $60 in stamps. Sq. B was second with a total of $169 in bonds and stamps. Sq. M purchased $48.25 in bonds and stamps.

Chico Miss Marries Sgt. Robert J. Quinlan

At a ceremony Saturday in the Chico Catholic Church, Miss Rebecca Dinnel of Chico became the bride of Sgt. Robert J. Quinlan, post motor pool dispatcher. Rev. Fr. Patrick J. Cronin officiated.

Miss Lucille Newton was maid of honor, and S/Sgt. Paul Hupman of Squadron A was best man. Ushers were Cpls. Richard McGlennon and Adrian Ward, also of Sq. A.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil B. Dinnel of Chico and was a Chico State College student. Sgt. Quinlan's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Quinlan of Keego Harbor, Mich.

Baton Rouge, La. (CNS)—Rep. V. M. Deloney has introduced a bill in the State Legislature which would make it illegal to wear a coat or tie between 1 June and 1 October except on Sundays.

At the Post Library

TEN YEARS IN JAPAN

By Joseph C. Grew

"Ten Years in Japan" tells for the first time the full, inside story of the decade of conflict, intrigue, and surprise that culminated in the inevitable tragedy of war Ambassador Grew concentrated his efforts on winning the confidence of the Japanese moderates and by the time President Roosevlt entered the White House in March, 1933, he had made such a good beginning that the new administration kept him at his post.

By 1936, the moderates whom Ambassador Grew had cultivated had staged such a come-back that a desperate group of young militarists tried to seize power through a bloody insurrection. The moderates again came out on top, but in 1937 the Japanese army struck out at China itself and the civilians could no longer hold them back. From then on, the best the moderates could do was slow down the Army's program of expansion.

The outbreak of war in Europe then made war in the Far Easat inevitable. But Ambassador Grew still played for time He kept warning the Japanese that the Germans were doomed, that our aid to Britain committed us ever more deeply to a British victory, that Hitler lost the war when he attacked Russia. Right up to the last moment, Mr. Grew tried to make them see reason—and their own interests. He negotiated to the very end—always playing his cards from strength, not weakness, leaving no doubt that if it came to war, an aroused America would crush Japan—ultimately, inevitably, completely.

S Sgt. Morris of Sq. B Leaves for OCS

S/Sgt. James F. Morris, chief clerk of Squadron B orderly room, is the 1 test CAAF man to leave for the AAF Administration Officers Candidate School at San Antonio, Texas.

S/Sgt. Morris entered the army 28 September 1942 from Tacoma, Wasn., his home city. He is a graduate of Stanford University.

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Squadron A News

By Sgt. Charles A. Helmer

Tops in Squadron A news this week seems to be the journey of practically everyone out to the firing range. On the day I was lucky enough to be selected to go out several of the fellows did some pretty darn good shooting. M/Sgt. Robideau was present and gave aid to the fellows in un-jamming guns and advice in general. T/Sgt. Gardner was there and ruled with an iron hand. S/Sgt. "Blackie" Keppner also was around to aid the fellows and his help was very valuable in all phases of the shooting.

Happened by chance to see our friend Cpl. Gehr in town the other night with a very cute little brunette. How do you do it, Gehr? . . and how about an introduction?

'Tis rumored that Sgt. Alex Holcombe now knows how to take down tents and what have you for traveling airplane displays. Alex and a group of stout-hearted men from the squadron helped take down the display of the Jap Zero plane recently shown in Chico.

Everything is running smooth in the Link Trainer department this week and the spotlight seems to shine on S/Sgt. Paul Kelly. Paul is now a big business man since he has charge of the coke concession.

I'd still like to know who the party was on the telephone the other night that caused Sgt. Paul Helman to talk without a let-up for at least an hour.

Quite a few of the fellows in the outfit found out how it feels to be on guard duty when the field displayed a P-39 in town for the Fifth War Bond drive.

The guy that seems to know the most about everyone and really get the low-down on them is our friend Sgt. James McNally. Mac's a regular undercover "Walter Winchell" when it comes to tracking down the news.

Seen drinking a very tall milkshake at the P. X. fountain the other day was Sgt. Joe Kelley (the Irish Lad of the squadron). Better watch that figure, Kelley.

Sgt. Larry May is now enjoying a furlough somewhere in the heart of New Jersey. Happy landings, Larry.

It seems as though I have another hour of P. T. to go this week so maybe I better call it "30" and sign off. I always wait for the last three days in the week in hopes the war will be over and I won't have to take it anymore, but we are still fighting this week . . . darn it . . . so long!

More Opportunities In Paratroopers

Here's a mesage to all soldiers:

Well, the first returns are in from Normandy, and the news is good. And high on our scorecard are the Paratroops. Yes, the same guys who fought in Sicily, Italy, and in the South Pacific. Sure they're good—because they're hand picked men who've had the best training a guy can get—infantry training plus!

But, there's still plenty of fighting to be done. That's why the army needs more paratroops—and that's where you come in.

You see, the army's let down the bars on paratroop volunteers, right now, any qualified G. I. or officer can apply for transfer to the Paratroops. And this goes for men in all branches of the army.

Of course, you've got to be rugged to pass the physical. And then you'll get four weeks of the toughest training you've had yet. You'll learn how to pack a chute, make practice jumps and finally complete five jumps from a plane in flight. But when you're through the course, brother, you'll be a paratrooper—with boots and wings to prove it. And you'll be earning extra cough from the minute you start training—$50 a month for enlisted men—$100 a month for officers.

Well, what do you say? Like to drop in on Hitler and Tojo for tea? Then see your squadron commander about joining the Paratroops.

Jewish Services Every Friday in Post Chapel

Services for men of Jewish faith will be held on Fridays at 1930, it was announced by Chaplain Tallman this week.

The first of the services was held Friday.

Following the services there will be a short recreation hour. Both officers and enlisted men and their wives are invited to attend the services, Chaplain Tallman said.

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USO Show Plays At Oroville AAB

We had a pleasant evening last week when three charming women and two jovial males arrived at camp and put on a show which delighted all who saw it. They were the five members of USO Camp Sho wTroupe No. 32, managed by M. C. "Rookie" Lewis. The show ranged from a fast-paced tap dancing routine to a super-duper magic act. "Rookie" Lewis' wise-cracking and dialogue brought out a few character delineations which are hereby noted: (a) 1st Sgt. Muley Hendrickson drinks straight shellac, without a chaser, (b) Cpl. EaErl Davidson is a gentleman (polite term for 'worn-out wolf'), (c) Sgt. 'Jug-haid' Jarvis has a mania for copping pretty girls' scanties, and (d) yours truly is colorblind—can't tell a mammy from a mommy.

Shades of Gene Krupa! The unearthl din emanating from the supply room which we have hoard periodically has finally been exposed. It's Jorge-mans Fuentes practicing his rim-cuts on a string-less banjo.

And speaking of musicians, there's a certain crooning adjutant around here who's been warbling "I'll Get By" with a dreamy look in his eyes. In the light of recent events, we wonder whether he will or not.

SEEN AROUNN DCAMP:

Don Juan Ellis, Hashie LeMaster, and Bolo Kelly picking up brass on the firing line.

Thunderbolt Crews hot-footin' it to the telephone booth every hour on the hour.

Li'l Abner Halter looking pale and fagged out—must be that Thermalito Rose.

The Tower boys going around with that WAC-happy look on their faces . . . Serrata and Sanchez strumming out 'Besame Mucho' on two guitars . . . Willie Wump-Wump Hellman telling us about that cute number in the Post Engineers office at Chico.

We had a practice fire alert the other day. Art 'Arson' Potts and 'Hillsman Aydos,' the Firebug, went around tossing smoke grenades under buildings while the rest of us grabbed hoses and extinguishers and put them out. PX clerk "Bomber" Rotolo nearly had hysterics when he thought his place of business was going up in flames. Harry "the Plowpusher" Glasgow came running out of the mess hall carrying an extinguisher in one hand which took two men to carry the day before. 'Mazing what you can do in the heat of excitement. Cadaver Hendrickson ran the fifty yards from the main gate to the PX in about 4.1. (He must have been worried about the beer burning up.) Lt. 'Pappy' Slone brought the boys from the line down to help fight the pseudo-blaze and was chagrined no end when we left the 'conflagration' in the Motor Pool alone until he arrived. "Okay," he said. "From now on, you fight YOUR fires, and we'll fight OURS." ....

Sq. B Gazette

Well gang, another week gone with a few gems and quips sent in by you that are really appreciated. Keep 'em coming.

A little story came to my attention the other day—it was about two members of our little group. It seems as though Sgt. McGee and Pvt. Feltman are known as USO Commandos "Deluxe". Some of the fellas can't figure out the attraction and sure would like to be let in on the secret.

Friday was a big day around the orderly room—not only was it payday, but Sgt. Jack Ferderer was the father of a son and was passing out the cigars. Congratulations, Jack.

We had a good turnout for the ball game Friday night but our boys didn't do so good and were beaten by the Medics, 6-4. The team played a good defensive game and the outcome was still in doubt until the last man was out. The future looks better as we have another pitcher to help out. What happened to one of our players after the game Friday night shouldn't happen to a good man like DelZoppo. His advice to some of our players who desire to go swimming after the games next time: "take your bathing suits."

T/Sgt. Forrest Williams was seen celebrating the other night; the reason could be the recent promotion but the little women being away to he city might (I say might) have something to do with the event.

Cpl. Harry Finch's wife has been ill for the past week and the gang hopes for a speedy recovery.

Cpls H. Fishstrom and Whipple returned from furloughs, and both have that far away look in their eyes.

What is it that makes Sgt. Deno Ralo look so full of vim, vigor and etc? From all reports it must have been the trip to the land of sunshine, Washington. He will be glad to relate in detail his opinion of Oregon, especially Eugene.

Sakraida was the winning pitcher as our boys defeated Transportation by the score of 2 to 1 Tuesday. They played a grand defensive game and made league history as they made the first triple play of the year. It was Delzappo to Bettencourt to Suttle. So long until next week, fellows.

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Leaders Have Close Calls in Softball Loop

CAAF Softball League games of the past week were featured by close calls on the part of both leaders—Headquarters and the Quartermasters.

Monday night Headquarters staggered past a determined bunch of Brown Bombers by 2-1, while on Tuesday the Medics gave John Murry and his Q. M. lads quite a scare in the seventh inning, only to lose 2-3.

In the latter game Shortstop "King Size" Young of Q. M. slapped out two triples, and Floyd Stanley, Medic left fielder, hit a home run with one on in the final inning.

Also a highlight of the league play was the continued success of the Diamond Match outfit, which won its fourth and fifth straight during the week.

With "Little Bill" Woodmansee on the mound, they walloped the Sub Depot 5-0 and took the measure of the Brown Bombers 9-6. In this contest the Bombers put on a big rally in th esixth, good for five runs and enough to cause the winners plenty of worry. Walter Hill was on the mound for the Bombers.

Squadron D split a pair, dropping a close one to the Officers 4-3, and defeating Sub Depot in an equally close game, 8-7.

Likewise, Squadron B, winning a real close, extra inning contest over Transportatio n2-1, and dropping a 6 4 contest to the Medics as Floyd Stanley and Hoyt Fleming hit homers for the winners.

With Joe Ophaven pitching great ball for the improved Transportation men and Dick McGlennon making a sensational catch in left field, the Squadro B men were forced to go eight innings for the winning run. Sakraida was the top pitcher. Squadron B turned in a triple play, Delzoppo to Bettencourt to Suttie.

In other games Headquarters defeated Sub Depot 18-1 as the civilian team gave Pitcher Remy Bally absolutely no support, and Q. M. had a tough tmie with Transportation, 7-4. Pitcher Ophaven of Transportation and Tom O'Donnell of Q. M. each had two blows.

Next Monday night in the late game will be the "crucial" of the season when Q. M. and Headquarters tangle for the second time this season. Without the services of their star pitcher Johnny Murry, the odds on the game are about even, but the Q. M. boys still are a formidable outfit. A huge crowd is expected from both field and town of Chico.

TO GUNNERY SCHOOL

Two Squadron A men are leaving for Las Vegas, Nev., Army Air Field, where they will take the course for aerial gunners.

USO Activities

Tonight—Buffet supper at 1800.

Sunday night movie—"Mad About Music" with Deanna Durbin and Herbert Marshall.

Next Saturday night—Formal dance at Memorial Hall.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

(Including Tuesday's Games)

Team	W	L	Pct.
Quartermaster	13	2	.866
Headquarters	13	2	.866
Medics	9	6	.600
Officers	8	6	.571
Squadron B	8	7	.533
Diamond Match	5	9	.357
Sub Depot	5	10	.333
Squadron D	5	10	.333
Bombers	4	10	.286
Transportation	3	12	.200

Chapel Services

9 July 1944

CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800; Confessions at 0730.
Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship at 1000; sermon, "Stiller of Storms." Special music by M/Sgt. Harlow Ranton, baritone, Finance Dept.
Clare E. Tallman, Chaplain

New York (CNS)—Joe Arcano, a muscle-conscious shipping clerk, chins himself on a doorway of his office at lunchtime every day just to keep in shape. He was chinning away one day recentl when his shoes flew off, sailed through the window, fell four floors and knocked out a woman in the street below.

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"Excuse me, but ain't you guys out of uniform?"

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"The only trouble with going to O.C.S. is I'm kind of old to be a second lieutenant"





We had a wonderful time. He had a full three months' pay, and only a one-day pass!"



"Been here long, Sergeant?"

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New 4th Air Force Commanding General

Brigadier General James E. Parker is the new commanding general of the Fourth Air Force, replacing Major General William E. Lynd, who has been assigned elsewhere.

Geenral Parker comes to the Fourth Air Force from the III Bomber Command, at Tampa, Florida. His Air Corps career, which dates to 1920, has included all phases of Air Force command—fighter, bomber, engineering and administration.

He follows a distinguished group of Air Force generals who have commanded the Fourth Air Force.

Much of General Parker's experience since joining the Air Service in 1920 has been with fighter aircraft, then affectionately called "pursuits," but in the thirties he began to branch out to take aerial enginering into his line of endeavor.

By 1941 he was serving as chief engineer of the Mobile, Ala., Air Depot and in 1942 he assumed command of the III Bomber Command.

In this organization were all types of bombardment aircraft. Thus he is fitted to lead an organization whose activities not only include the air defense of the Pacific Coast, but vast training programs in fighter and bomber type aircraft and other aviation activities.

General Parker is the self reliant "show 'em how" type of leader. He insists on flying his own airplanes and as a result has amassed more than 8,000 hours flight time for rating as a command pilot.

After attending Alabama Polytechnic Institute he went to West Point, from which he was graduated in 1918.

Chapel Services

16 July 1944

CATHOLIC

Mass at 0800; Confessions at 0730.
Father Patrick J. Cronin

PROTESTANT

Morning Worship 1000; sermon, "A Study in Faith." Special Music by Cpl. Robert W. Anderson, baritone.

Clare E. Tallman, Chaplain

Cannery Workers NEEDED!

An appeal to soldier's wives not now employed to assist in fruit canneries has been issued by GRIDLEY CANNERY.

Free transportation from Chico will be provided. Contact Special Services Officer.

P-38 Mobile Training Unit Here

An Air Forces Technical Training Command mobile training unit, with headquarters in Denver, Colo., is at Chico Field for several weeks imparting latest information on the P-38 fighter to air mechanics.

Armed with mockups and the latest inside tips on P-38 maintenance, the unit is headed by 1st Lt. Ted M. Huffman of Rivertown, W. Va., who has had two years experience as an enlisted mechanic at Bolling Field, Wash., before becoming an officer.

Other members of the unit are S/Sgts. Matthew H. Doyle, Joseph T. Gardner, Warner G. Pearson, Robert B. Scheibler and Sgts. Merton G. Dunning and Reuel E. Scott.

Personal Affairs Sets Up Office in Chico

The Personal Affairs Officer is setting up an office in Chico, manned by the Women's Volunteer Personal Affairs Committee, which includes wives of CAAF officers and several Chico women.

They include Mesdames Henry Lawrence, Lawrence Kirsch, Joseph X. Bell, Ivar E. Anderson, James Mills III, Mary Long, Alice Brown, Minnie Clark, H. A. Roth, and W. L. Spicer. Any problem connected with military personnel may be taken up with the committee.

Also on the committee are Mrs. Albert J. Little and Mrs. Glenn Hudson.

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Corps of Engineers

The annual Post Engineer Picnic, held at 5 mile dam last Saturday night, proved to be a big success. Complete with swimming, food and dring and a baseball game, it even then held the added attraction of the "Candid Camera Fiend."

S/Sgt. Morgan made good his threats about ducking, and your reporter got the worst of it. His main and unshakeable idea at the time seemed to be to see how long she would kick after she stopped breathing—which wouldn't have been much longer if he hadn't dragged her up from the bottom of the pool where he had stuck her some time before. The ducking wouldn't have been so bad—but she did object when he shoved her under the fifth time and held her down with his foot firmly planted in her face.

The score at the end of the baseball game came as a surprise to both teams. The women played against the men—and due to a sympathetic pitcher on the men's team, and a couple of slightly crooked umpires, the women won by a score of 12 to 11.

Thanks go again to Bill Roberts and Sgt. Morgan for their work in planning the picnic and for carrying it through!

FLASH! At last the story behind the new P-U-13's which are being constructed with utmost secrecy in our back yard, can be told. The courage of the men who have worked on this new, super type plane, will go down in the annals of history—especially of the two men who have volunteered to fly them upon completion. Remember these names, for they are epochal. They exemplify the spirit of our time: Bill Roberts and Newt Balch!

Each will undertake to fly a plane and will test it by fighting against each other. Balch has chosen as his weapon, a dozen eggs, while Roberts is to be armed with six charges of rock salt in a sowed off shot gun.

Jean Hobson declined the offer of christening the planes — consequently the carpenters are hopefully awaiting volunteers, preferably a girl, or girls from the office. So here's your chance, girls, to make a name for yourself in aviation—and to contribute a little toward its progress and welfare—not to mention the chance of the dubious honor of breaking a coke bottle over the cowling on the day of the christening ceremony!

The "Spirit of '49" has drifted down to merge with the "Spirit of '44" and Capt. Rosenbach and Lt. Scatterday have succumbed to the spirit of adventure. In the company of Mrs. Rosenbach, Mrs. Scatterday, and Dave Johnson and family, they tried their luck at mining gold on Butte Ceek Sunday. Lt. Scatterday spent a bad day Monday recovering from the toils and hardships of the day before, but had nigh unto thirty cents to show for his two hours labor. The rest have not as yet divulged the results of their back breaking efforts!

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

(Including Tuesday's games)

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Quartermaster	15	2	.882
Headquarters	13	3	.812
Medics	10	7	.588
Officers	10	7	.588
Squadron B	8	8	.500
Diamond Match	6	10	.374
Sub Depot	6	11	.352
Squadron D	6	11	.352
Bombers	6	11	.352
Transportation	4	13	.248



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"You Bet Your Life" Draws Full House

Things aren't what they seem, but "You Bet Your Life" seemed to be and was a fine lesson in camouflage, a real musical show, and entertainment for a full house audience of soldiers and their wives at Chico State College auditorium Tuesday night.

G. I. Joe left the house with the lesson in point, namely that camouflage is a way of war and of life, and that with it lives can be saved and campaigns won.

And in addition he and his wife were entertained with some gags right out of the barracks, latrinograms, and some very, very pretty girls with very very pretty legs and stuff.

But the show stealer was a buck private, Leonard Stocker by name, who wielded a mop with deadly effectiveness, and who never failed to get a laugh at all possible opportunities. He also played the part of the devil's disciple and an old maid for a versatile evening.

Throughout the show the lesson of camouflage was driven home, not only by demonstrations of its applications in military matters, but even with scenes from the Garden of Eden.

Several beautiful gals, including a Hollywood starlet, Jean Trent, were duly camouflaged but you could still tell they were not at all bad.

There were eight new songs written especially for the show, and the one which took our fancy was "This Is the Screwiest War," in which our hero hides his black eye from the colonel by a bit of well put on camouflage paint.

And the biggest feminine laugh was drawn by Harriet Hadd, who as Field Expedient camouflage, made some well timed appearances and gave with some good gags.

Backed by Major General William E. Lynd, commanding general of the Fourth Air Force, "You Bet Your Life" was directed by M/Sgt. Ezra Stone, and the unit was in charge of Capt. Evan Bruce of March Field, who acted as emcee and the villain of various scenes.

The auditorium's use was granted bby Dr. A. J. Hamilton, president of Chico State College.

Dallas (CNS)—Just as the sirens signaled news of the Allied invasion of western Europe, a baby girl was born to Mrs. Lester Renfrew in City Hospital. "I'll name her Invasion," Mrs. Renfrew declared.

DFC, Air Medal Presented to Pilot

Presentation of the Distinguished Flying Cross, and an Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster was made to 1st Lt. Hamilton H. Salmon III, of Garden City, N. Y., in ceremonies held at Chico Army Air Field on Wednesday afternoon. Col. A. W. Tyce, commanding officer, made the presentation.

Lt. Salmon is a veteran of over 100 combat missions with the Fifth U. S. Air Force in the New Guinea area, and isofficially credited with destruction of three Japanese Zeros.

During this time he flew all types of combat missions, including escorting bombers, interception and attack missions, and patrol and reconnaissance flights.

According to the citation, "in the course of these flights, strafing and bombing operataions were made from dangerously low altitudes, destroying enemy installations and equipment."

Lt. Salmon was overseas from October, 1942, to 22 April, 1944, and had recently reported to Chico Field as a flight leader from Atlantic City, N. J., Redistribution Center.

The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded for sustained operational flights in which enemy fire was expected and probable. The Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Medal were presented for destruction of enemy planes.

The first was shot down while Lt. Salmon was flying cover for the invasion which resulted in the capture of Lae, New Guinea, and the second over Rabaul. On the latter occasion Lt. Salmon's group was flying escort for the bombers which took such a big toll of Japanese shipping in Simpson Harbor on 2 November, 1943.

Lt. Salmon, who was in the marine insurance business prior to his enlistment, attended Princeton University.

Mt. Sterling, Ill. (CNS)—Robert (Bobbie) Hughes, who weighs a mere 70 9pounds, registered with his Selective Service Board on his 18th birthday. He is five feet, nine inches tall, has a 95-inch waistline, and is the chubbiest man of his age on record here.

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Plans Completed For Jewish Rites

On Friday, 7 July, officers and enlisted men met with Chaplain Tallman to discuss plans for weekly Friday night Jewish services. It was decided that on Friday evening, 14 July, wekly services will officially start for Jewish officers, enlisted men, and their wives, and also Jewish residents of Chico.

Chaplain Levey of Camp Beale, and Mr. Posner of the Jewish Welfare Board in Marysville discussed final plans with Chaplain Tallman and a group of officers and enlisted men of CAAF last Monday. Both Chaplain Levey and Mr. Posner will cooperate to help provide the religious services for men of Jewish faith.

Chaplain Levey took over the pulpit to conduct the first service. Following the weekly services there will be a social get together at which refreshments will be served. The weekly after services meals will be provided for the men by Jewish women of Chico.

Squadron A News

By Sgt. Charles A. Helmer

The past week's highlight in Squadron A was the softball game played between the Quartermaster and the Headquarters teams. The Quartermasters trounced the Headquarters team by a score of 6 to 3 and the game kept everyone right on their toes until the closing ending. Outstanding men for the Q. M. were S/Sgt. James L. Papez and "Little Bit" Young. Papez played short-center and Young was at the shortstop position. Outstanding for the losers was Pfc. Fontenot who played a fine defensive game.

S/Sgt. Frank Chamberlain is on the verge of going over the well known hill if M/Sgt. Adams doesn't hurry back from his furlough. You're not really losing any more hair, are you, Frank?

Saw our friend Sgt. Royer in town the other night and when I left him he was doing plenty O. K. for himself. How about asking me along next time, pal?

That man seen tearing madly around the post with a moving picture projector under his arm is Sgt. Jack Nuttall. Jack says the trouble with him these days is, he is just seeing too many movies—or something.

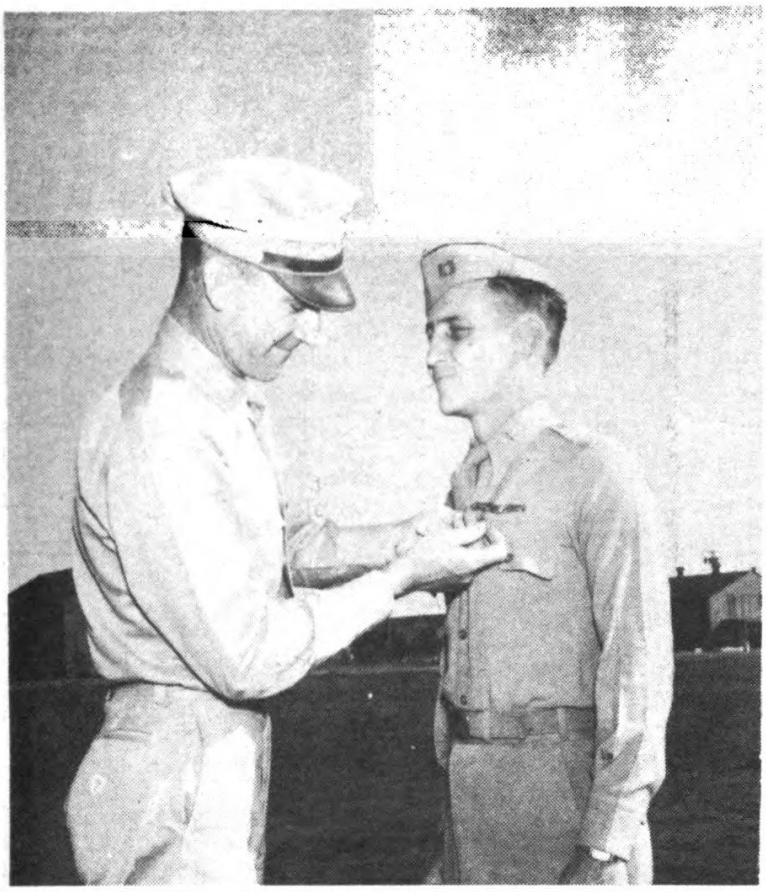
Squadron A lost several men the past week to other fields. Two of the older men of the Squadron who left were M/Sgt. Alfred J. Vancelette of Base Mess and S/Sgt. Robert C. Studebaker of the Intelligence office. Lots of luck, fellows.

I am glad to hear that S/Sgt. Earl Hoffman is out of the hospital now after aa little rest. He still insists that it was something he ate.

The Squadron had quite a few guests the past week as forty five enlisted men from the Fourth Air Force show "You Bet Your Life" stayed with us for three days and nights. The show boys leave word that they were treated nicer on this field than any other post they have played since beginning their tour of Fourth Air Force bases.

They say the early bird catches the worm and I think maybe that's what Pfc. Cunningham is trying to do. Cunningham is up with the first light of dawn and out to the athletic field to take P. T. at 0700 thee days a week. How do you get your eyes open that early in the morning, Jackson? That just reminds me that I have two more hours of P. T. to take myself this week, so maybe I better be getting along . . . So long!

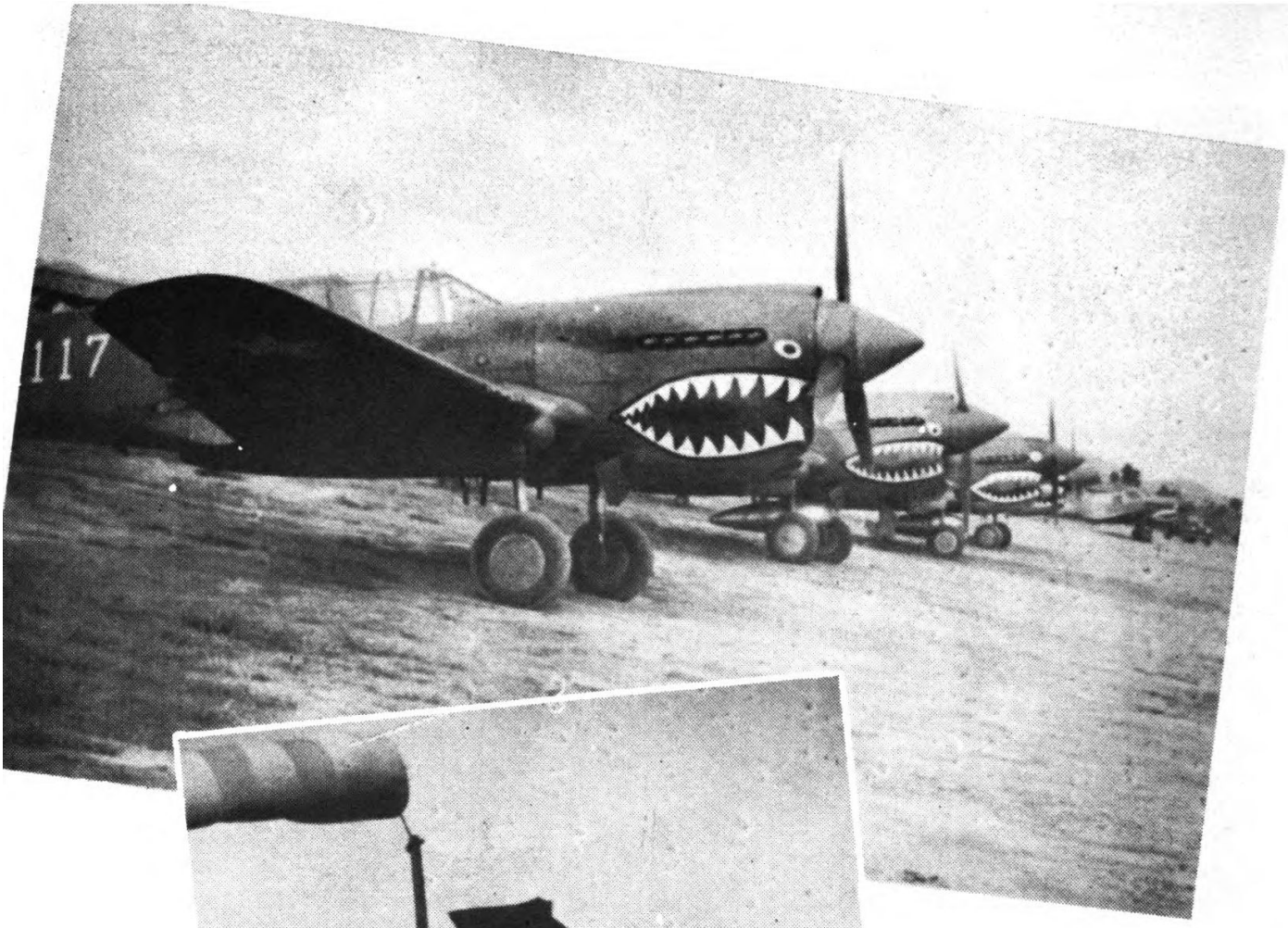
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Upper left, Col.A.W.Tyer presents the fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to Capt.Cyril E.Nichols at a recent post retreat parade. Lower, Mr.Leon S.Cook, assistant A 19 Supply and Maintenance Shop fore man, is congratulated by Col.Tyer a time saving suggestion for which was given a $250 cash award at the same parade. Standing at Mr.Cook's left is Mr.Milton Cadeaux, who was similarly honored. Holding the cit tions is 1st Lt.Charles A.Johnson, post classification officer.

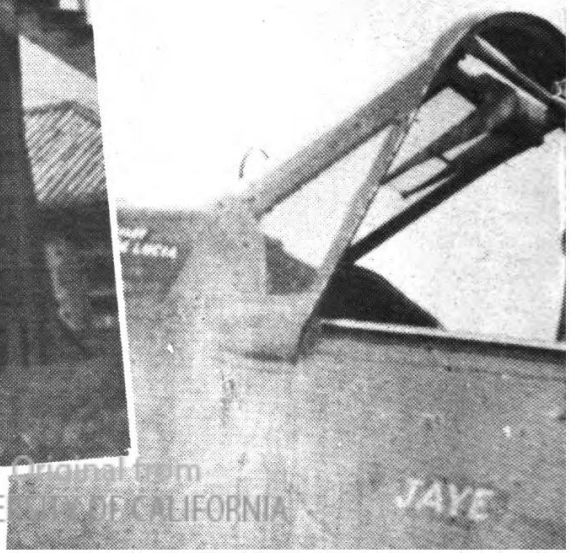


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VIVIAN AUSTIN OF UNIVERSAL
FLYER PIN-UP OF THE WEEK

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QM Again Defeats Headquarters Team

Minus their regular pitcher and first baseman, the Quartermasters turned back the bid of Headquarters for first place Monday night in the Chico Field Softball League, trimming the Headquarters boys 6-3 in a wild and wooly contest. A record crowd of 500 persons witnessed the game.

Three costly errors by the Headquarters outfit had much to do with the way the score ended. That and a couple of near-sensational catches by S/Sgt. Jimmie Papez, Q. M. shortfielder.

ERRORS COSTLY

Pitcher Bob Stephens of Headquarters committed one of the errors himself when he had his rival pitcher, Louis Ruben, trapped between third and home and he threw wild to Catcher Joe Kunovic. Third baseman Bode contributed the other two.

Headquarters took an early lead 1-0, which was tied by Q. M., who then themselves went ahead 2-1. Then Hq. tallied twice to take the lead and then finish the scoring for Manager Love's men.

But in the last of the fifth the Quartermaster boys had a a field day, coupled with a couple of errors, and tallied four times.

Pitcher Ruben was the leading hitter, getting two doubles in three tries. Gimple and Sorenson had doubles for the losers.

In another thriller the Hq. outfit tied Diamond Match 0-0 in aa game which was called at the end of nine innings. This one will be played off double or nothing the next time the two teams meet. Pitchers Stephens and Bill Woodmansee of Diamond Match really put on ao pitcher's duel.

Another highlight of the week was Transportation's first victory over one of the first division teams. They knocked off the Officers 7-3 Thursday night with Joe Uphaven doing the pitching honors. Capt. A. W. Buck was the losing pitcher.

Previously, however, the Officers became the first team to defeat Diamond Match, edging out the civilians 5-3 on the strength of Buck's homer with one on in the seventh. the Bombers 10-3 and lost to Diamond

In other games Squadron D walloped Match 11-4. Quartermaster beat Squaddron B 6-2 and the Medics beat Sub Depot 8-0.

Tuesday night's games were enlivened by the no-hit, no-run pitching of Remy Bally as the Sub Depot Clippers blanked Transportation 5-0. Bally walked only one and struck out ten for his second perfect game of the season.

In the second game Capt. Harold D. Hoover, Officers' shortstop, cracked out a homer as his teammates trimmed the Medics, 6-2, to take over a tie for second place. Hoyt Fleming of the Medics also banged out a round tripper.

Flyers Defeat Mather Field Group

Smashing out 17 hits, the Chico Field Flyers notched their sixth baseball victory of the season, defeating a Negro team from Matcher Field by 14-1 Sunday afternoon on Memorial Field in Chico.

Pacing the batters were Cpl. ick McGlennon, first sacker, and Shortstop George Gregory, each with three binglēs.

It was an even contest until the big sixth inning when the Flyers, led by Lt. Lynn Everson, third sacker, tallied ten times. Lt. Everson dented the distant left field boards with a mighty triple. He also bagged a single in three times up.

Charles Honors did the left handed honors for Chico from the mound, holding the visitors to seven hits and a single tally. In addition the Flyer portsider whiffed eleven of the Mather Field men.

Glenn Vaughan of Squadron D, back from tech school in Buffalo, played left field for the first time and collected two hits. Louis English of Squadron C playaed for the first time this season also, catching Honors' slants for the full nine innings. Bill Smith relieved Honors in the last frame.

Bentley and Taylor of Mather each had two hits.

Tomorrow afternoon on Memorial Field, the Flyers play the Redding Cubs, a civilian outfit. Previously the locals trimmed Redding 6-1.

Port Chester, N. Y. (CNS)—Evans Ward bought a Great Dane watchdog to guard $3,000 in jewels he kept in his home. He returned one night to find the jewels stolen and the Great Dane munching on a roast beef from the refrigerator.

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Eighteen Officers Receive Promotions

Eighteen officers, including seven returned from duty in combat areas, have received promotions during the past two weeks at Chico Army Air Field .

Heading the list is Lt. Col. Charles W. Sawyer, former member of the famed Flying Tigers of Burma Road operations, who was promoted from major. A resident of Emmett, Idaho, he is director of flying at CAAF.

Promoted from first lieutenant to captain was William E. Poroshin, a veteran of 700 hours Spitfire time with the RAF from August, 1941 to April, 1943, when he entered the USAAF in Britain. A flying officer with the British air arm, he was in the electrical business in Sacramento before entering the service.

Also making captain were Phil R. McMills of San Mateo, Calif., Leonard P. Clark of Portland, Ore., and Robin Hansen of San Francisco, all of whom flew in the North African and Mediterranean campaigns; Vernon W. Froehlich of Sheboygan, Wis., who flew in England and North Africa; Thomas H. Walker, with 80 missions in the South Pacific; and Earl G. Wulff of Sacramento, aClif., Duncan P. Daries of Inglewood, Calif., and Leslie W. Trevvett of Richmond, Va. Capt. Trevvett is PX officer.

Making first lieutenant were Jerome Nerney of San Francisco, George R. McLaughlin of Decatur, Ala., Billy G. Schram of San Francisco, Jack R. Peterson of Idaho Falls, Ida., Marion M. Schilling of Amite, La., Ralph N. Ramsey of Roanoke, Va.. Harry L. Swan of Richmond, Calif., and Melbourne J. Wilson of Madison, Wis.

USO Activities

Formal dance Saturday at Memorial Hall at 2030; Wings of Swing full dance orchestra.

Sunday movie—"Kitty Foyle" with Ginger Rogers at 2000.

Wife of CAAF Soldier Enlists In WACs

Honor of being the first wife of a Chico Field soldier to enlist in the Women's Army Corps went this week to Delphine E. Nelson, of Windsor, Colo. She is married to Pfc. William Nelsos of Squadron B, who works on the line.

She has been with her husband for two months, since he was transferred here from Marysville Army Air Field. In Denver, Colo., she worked in civil service, with a long experience in instruments.

Also enlisting was Mrs. Estella B. Rowland, 27, of 434 W. 3rd St., Chico, whose husband has been overseas in the South Pacific for a year. Originally from McCook, Neb., she, like Mrs. Nelson, has been employed by Burton's Restaurant in Chico.

Former CAAF Man Married in Chapel

A wedding of interest to old timers at this field occurred last Thursday at the post chapel with 1st Lt. Clare E. Tallman, post chaplain, officiating.

The bride was Miss Barbara Jeanne Green of Durham, Calif., and the groom was Merle Lee Baker, until his discharge recently a member of the old Guard Sq. at CAAF, and NCO in charge of the escort service.

Attendants were Mrs. Winifred Welles of Durham, and Sgt. Donald G. Alyeaa of the Guard Section, Squadron A. The newlyweds will reside in Los Angeles.

Raleigh, N. C. (CNS)—Raw white liquor is bringing as much as $10 a gallon up in the North Carolina hills, according to an agent of the state alcohol tax unit. The price would be much higher ,the agent added. "if the moonshiners could get more sugar."

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Sq. B Gazette

By Amos J. Wilson

Hear ye, hear ye, the story of the week will now be told and I hope thaat you will like it.

It seems that Lunn wanted a date for the show, "You Bet Your Life" and was willing to get married just for the occasion. Do you think that it would be worth all that trouble, just for the one night, Vern?

Since his recent restriction is over, Tom Fleming has been seen in town almost every night and was seen at the ball game with "his" doll the other night. Wow, how you get around, Tom!

It seems that a couple of our boys known as Gigee and Gerino has offended a very beautiful young lady, known as Aileen, by not asking her for a dance the other night. Fellows, you must be careful.

We had a grand gang of the fellows out for the game with the league leading Quartermaste. team and for five innings there was a real close game, but then our hitters let up and we lost the game 6 to 2. Let's all go to the next game. Transportation will be furnished.

Sgt. Steele was seen sweating out a date about midnight Sunday night and then he was to work bright and early the following morning. What aa life that man Steele leads.

Sgt. Barnes has not been getting many hits lately and now we know the answer; he is sain to be in love. Who is the lucky girl, Barney?

Hank Shttle is very well known arohnd the Sens-ible Drhgs. Which one is it, Hank, the blonde or the brunette?

All the fellows wonder what the attraction is at Corning for 1st Sgt. Anderson—he is seen spending most of his off duty hours either going or coming from said attraction. Gee, but that Ford sure takes a beating.

Fellows, the reason for the sad look on Duibel's face is a broken heart. His love has left him for another.

Sgt. Paul Huebsch, the classification genius at Base Maintenance, was seen helping Sgt. Morris celebrating his appointment to OCS; gee, but it was rough the next day.

It seems that while Joe Walters was doing his daily duty as a K. P. some Brass stepped in and took his gal. Just remember, Joe, that rank don't mean a thing when it comes to love.

So long until next week, and keep the news rolling in.

Marysville AAF Contributes Column

By SLOAN

MARYSVILLE — With the departure of S/Sgt. Lawrence L. Clapp, way back in April, this field has been minus an editor. Each passing week has failed to bring Squadron P into the limelight, as far as the Flyer was concerned, and in an effort to bolster morale and at the same time make the Flyer more complete, as far as subbase: are concerned, yours truly will try and do Marysville justice.

Our softball team has a hard time booking games and so some of the boys are playing night ball with a local club in the Yuba City League, and are doing okay. At least, they say that they are keeping from being rusty. Last week they defeated Camp Beale's entry by the score of 7-5. (The rumor is that S/Sgt. Morgan will become the league's official umpire.) No less than six of the basemen took part in the game. Wednesday evening the boys play the Lions. Who knows, the base may take over for the local club, which is having trouble placing a GOOD team on the field.

We wonder why Pvt. Horst is looking so thin these days. Maybe Ed can help clear the matter up, for it looks to us as though Sgt. Morgan is overworking him.

Yesterday I came across "Doc" Dougherty with a bulging pocket full of silver. Upon questioning him, he told me that he was going to make a long distance call. I figured that he must be calling overseas or going to talk for hours; later I got the truth of the matter—"Doc" had hit a quarter machine in town for $20.

....Some new faces around the base brings out the Welcome Committee to extend greetings to 2nd Lt. James A. Griffith, who assumes command; S/Sgt. Edmund M. O'Keefe, who joins the 101st AACS Sq., as does Sgt. Malcolm Olsen. Here is hoping that you find your stay here very pleasant.

The Mess Hall recently acquired a new air cooling system and to Pfc. Hart goes the award of "Having Done the Most for the Comfort of His Fellow Men." Thanks, Bob; when I start building my own home, you will hear from me.

Until next week then, I will be seeing you all.

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Lt. Griffith Leaves Oroville AAF

By S/Sgt. Bob Hardcastle

OROVILLE—Lt. James Griffith came into the orderly room the other day bearing in his arms a multi-layer cake, heavily frosted, with the inscription "Farewell" on top. The occasion. he was leaving his job as adjutant to take over the CO's desk at Marysville. Mess Sgt. Jackson LeMaster whipped up the cake as a going-away present, and he also tossed in another large cake for us G. I.'s to devour in Lt. G's memory. We didn't like to see you leave, Lieutenant. It was getting to be fun throwing you into the river. But we wish you the best of luck and stuff like that there at your new post.

Congratulations are in order and are hereby heartily rendered to Lt. Ray Ward, our CO, who is back from a 10-daya leave with his new bride. The happy couple were married in Los Angeles and spent their honeymoon in the Sierra Nevadas and thereabouts.

What is it about our camp that makes those who have been transferred away want to return nearly every time they get a long enough pass? In the past couple of weeks we've seen Harold Parmenter, Lewis Evans, Tex McKnight, Harry Johnson, J. P. Burks, and Johnny Roberson. I don't suppose that certain members of the female population of Oroville have anything to do with their recurrent visits. Much . . .

SEEN AROUND CAMP

Dumbo Way, who topples the scales at a mere 312, forced to use two pistol belts to encircle his tremendous girth whenever he's on guard or MP duty. Rollin' Stone Casey, wearing aa scab on his nose where he was tapped by an Enfield on the rifle range. Beaver Kelly imitating a muskrat by swimming downstream with his posterior four inches above water. Wee Willie Hellman transporting three passengers on his thunder-buggy. Jorgemans-Tomatoes Fuentes beating it out to the tune of "Taxi Mommaa" ("Dark Town Strutters' Ball" to us laymen). Cazzie Jarvis learning to be a refueling operator. Cousin Ellis following Pappy Slone's puppy Rusty around with a mop.

Fifth War Loan Box Score

(CASH SALES)

Military $18,657
Civilian $19,442

Biggest Civilian Purchases: $500 bond, Gerturde D. Snow, base inspection and repair; four $75 bonds, D. Amelia Moffett, station hospital.

Ballot Applications Here Next Month

Post card applications for absentee balalots to be distributed to all military personnel will be received at Chico Army Air Field about 24 August, according to Lt. Sidney I. Annis, soldier voting officer. He suggested thata men do not now write to home state for ballot, but wait for material to be distributed here.

There are a few exceptions.

In cases of residents of Illinois and South Carolina, the soldier should immediately write a letter addressed to the secretary of state, containing information, the nature of which will be advised by Lt. Annis.

Necesary information regarding absentee voting in each state is contaianed in a chart which is posted in each squadron day room and in the Special Services Office. The soldier voting office phone extension is 237.

CHAPEL PROGRAM FOR WEEK

Clare E. Tallman, Chaplain

Roman Catholic Services Sunday, 16 July; Confesisons at 0730, Mass at 0800.
Father Patrick J. Cronin

Protestant Service, Sunday, 16 July 1000; "Masterworks of Music" Thursday 1930.
Jewish Services Friday at 1930.

THE COVER . . .

Adorning the cover this week is Pvt. Harold R. Romer, an armorer, who is working on a P-39 parked on the line at Chico Army Air Field.

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"Bombardier to pilot, target in sight."



"If you'd join the Army, Roger, we could have some fun!"



"How do I know you're not an inspecting officer?"

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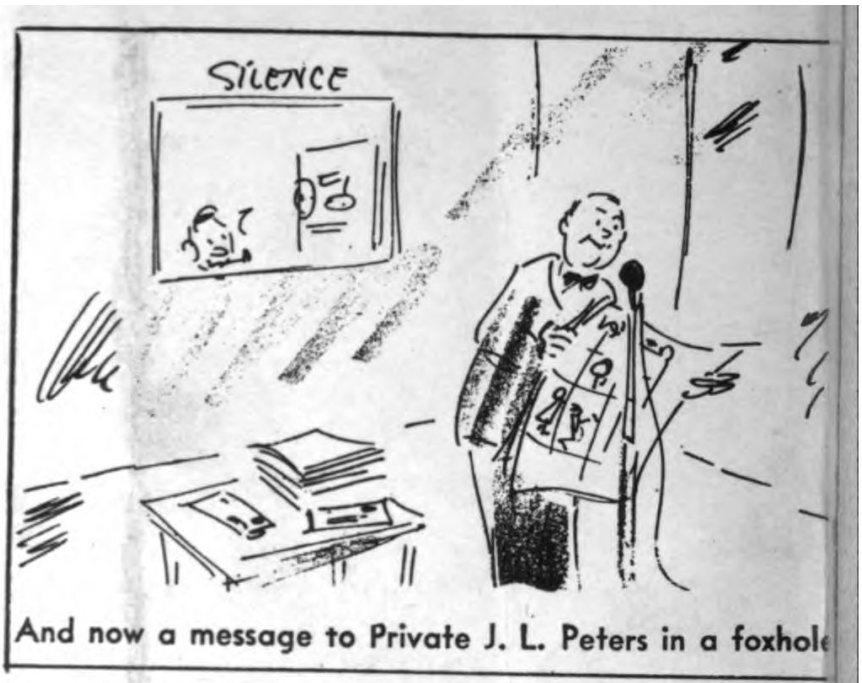
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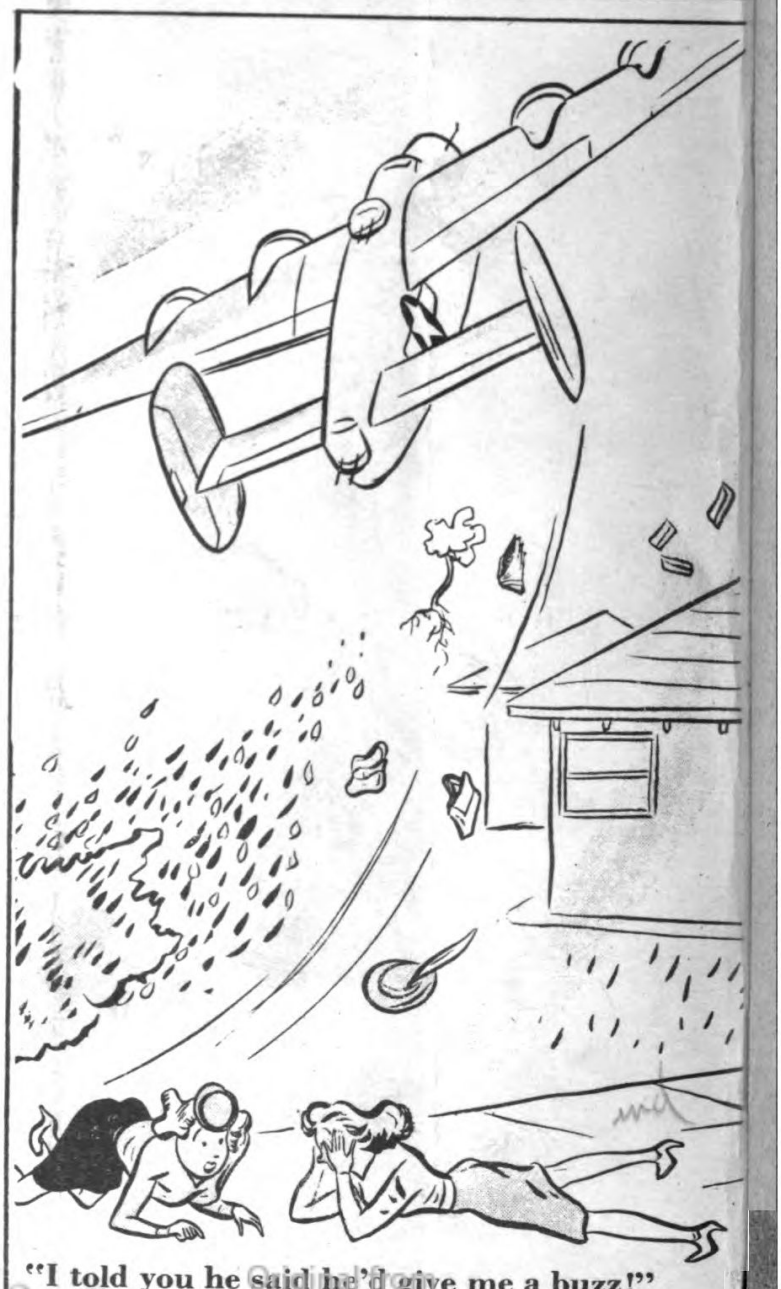
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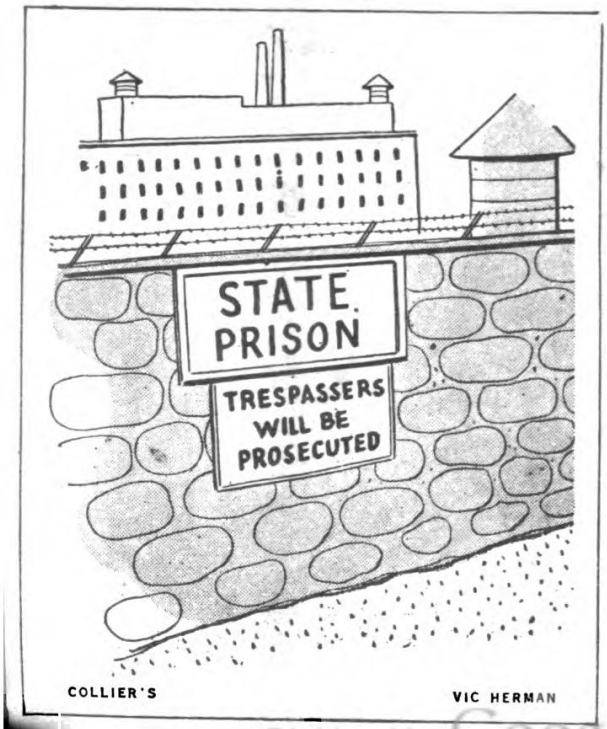
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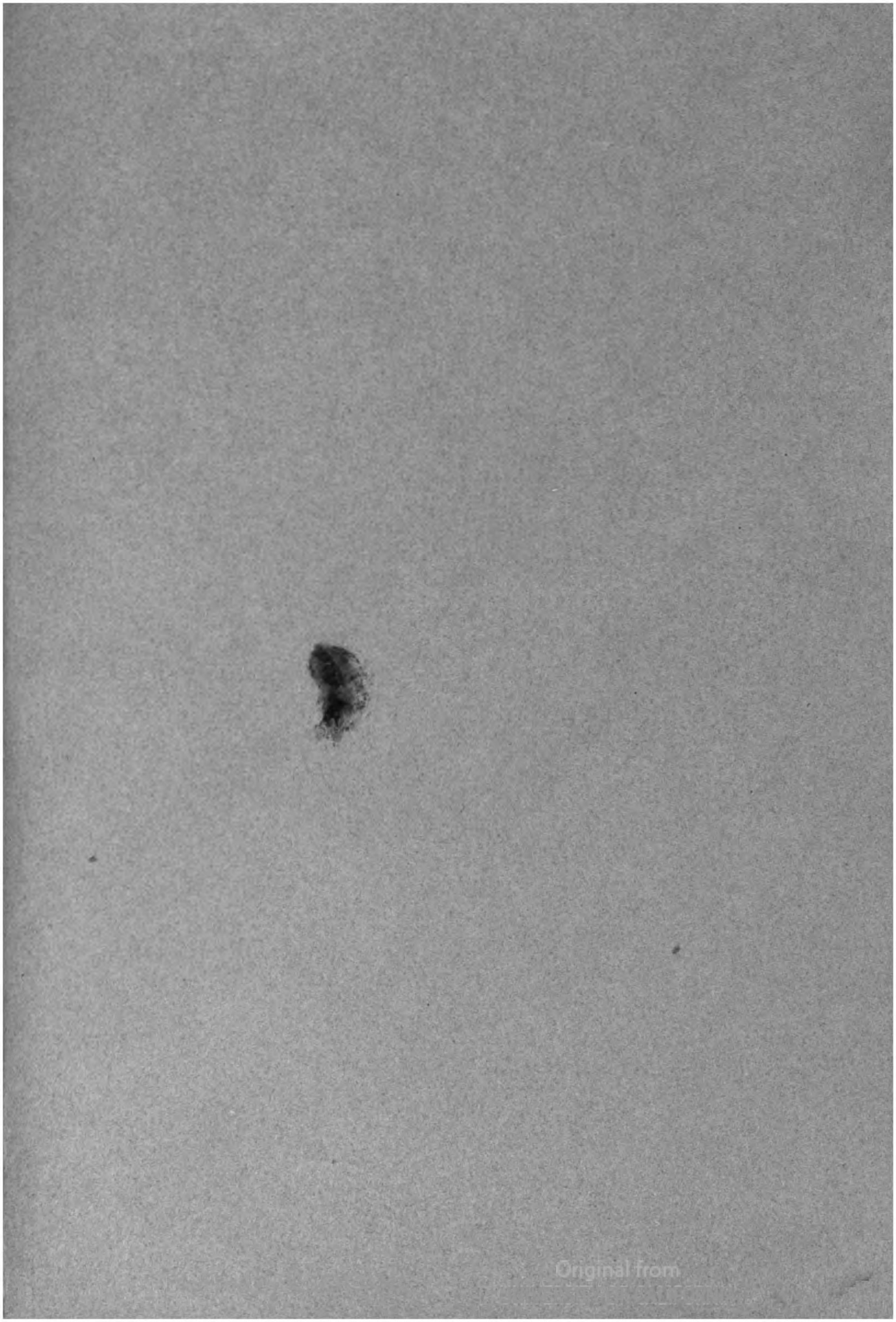
And now a message to Private J. L. Peters in a foxhole



"I told you he said he'd give me a buzz!"



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